

# Town of Newington



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# Newington

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## Government

Newington received its Charter from the State of Connecticut in 1871 and is currently governed under the Council-Manager form of government with a nine member Town Council. The Mayor, elected separately, is a member and presiding official of the Council with the power to vote. Recognized as the official head of the Town for ceremonial and military purposes, the Mayor has the authority to appoint the Town Attorney and the Clerk of the Council.

The Town Manager is appointed by the Town Council and serves as the Chief Executive and administrative officer of the Town. The Town Manager is empowered to supervise and administer all commissions, boards, departments, offices, and agencies of the Town except for those elected by the people, appointed by the Council, appointed by the Mayor, or appointed by regional, state, or federal authority. The Town Manager is also responsible for the faithful execution of all laws and ordinances governing the Town.

## Location

Newington, located five (5) miles south of Hartford, is centrally located in the New York – Boston corridor. Travelers have easy access to Route 5/15, Route 9, and major interstate highways I-84 and I-91. Newington is conveniently located near Brainard Airport and Bradley International Airport. Transportation services also include commuter buses to Hartford and New Britain and rail transportation stations in Hartford and Berlin.

## Taxes

Newington's mill rate in 2008-09 was 27.68. The mill rate is applied to the Grand List of fair market value. All commercial and residential properties were revaluated in 2005.

## Mission

*Our mission is to offer excellent community services by maximizing our resources in a proactive, responsible, and accountable manner that enhances the quality of life for all generations in Newington.*

## History

Newington, part of the Town of Wethersfield until 1871, is located in an area which was referred to in early times as Pipestave Swamp, then Cow Plain, and later, West Farms; such names reflected the area's use. It was first a source of staves for making pipes (large sized barrels) used in colonial trade, and later a pasture for cattle. It eventually became home to the new farms taken up by descendants of early Wethersfield settlers who had been given grants on the western frontier of their riverside town. By 1721, there were enough new farmers on these grants to request that the General Assembly of the Colony of Connecticut give them the name Newington, which means "new town in the meadow."

Since most early Newington inhabitants were related to Wethersfield families, Newington accepted government by Wethersfield Town Meeting until 1871. When the railroad came through Newington in the 1830's, the frequent and inexpensive transportation attracted growth and further expansion. Years later, however, a Wethersfield Town Meeting refused to approve expenses for highway improvements for better access to the railroad. Ready to take government into its own hands, Newington applied to the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut for incorporation, which was approved in 1871.

Early in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, both the trolley car and the automobile brought more development.

Newington's location in the center of the state, combined with steady improvements to the highway system, attracted many new residents and businesses. The trolley, replaced by regular bus service, made commuting to Hartford and New Britain convenient. By 1966, the increasing population had outgrown the Town Meeting form of government and the Town adopted the Council-Manager form of government.

### Historical Sites

The **Kellogg-Eddy House**, a typical New England Georgian-style farmhouse, was built in 1808 by General Martin Kellogg.

The **Enoch Kelsey House** was built in 1799 and was the home of a Connecticut farmer and tinsmith. It features rare, free-hand-painted wall decorations, basement to attic paneling, a beehive oven and fireplaces.

The **National Iwo Jima Memorial Monument**, located off Route 9 at the Newington/New Britain line, was dedicated on February 23, 1995 in memory of those who gave their lives at Iwo Jima. The names of the 100 Connecticut marines killed at Iwo Jima are inscribed on the base.



# Government

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## **TOWN COUNCIL**

***Jeff Wright, Mayor***

The Town Council is the governing and legislative body of the Town with all the rights, powers, duties, and obligations conferred by law. Council members are responsible for adopting the budget, fixing the tax rate for the Town, proposing and amending ordinances and resolutions for the execution of the powers vested in the Town, for the government of the Town and management of its business, and for the preservation of good order, peace, health, and safety of the Town and its inhabitants.

The Town Council consists of the Mayor and eight members elected from the town at large every two years. The Mayor, elected separately, is a member and presiding official of the Council with the power to vote.

The Town Council meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are broadcast live on Newington Community Television.



Photo by Roy Zartarian

### **Newington Town Council**

Seated: Myra Cohen, Mayor Jeff Wright, Deputy Major Mike Lenares  
Standing: Jay Bottalico, David Nagel, Christopher Banach, Tony Boni, Tom Bowen, Kristine Nasinnyk

## **2008-09 Highlights**

- Revised the charge of the Newington High School Track Renovation Project Building Committee to include responsibility for the emergency generator project at NHS.
- Authorized the West Meadow Cemetery project to proceed to bid.
- Adopted an ordinance establishing the Committee on Community Safety.
- Adopted the 2008 Capitol Region Pre-Disaster Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan.
- Accepted the final report and discharged the Education Facilities Project Building Committee.
- Approved the recommendation of the Downtown Revitalization Committee and appointed BL Companies as the design consultant for the Municipal Parking Lot Improvement Project.
- Recognized Thomas Mylar as Teacher of the Year.
- Dedicated the vault in the Town Clerk's office in memory of Edward S. Seremet.
- Authorized the NHS Track Renovation project and NHS Air Conditioning projects to proceed to bid.
- Established the Town Hall Renovation Project Building Committee with the charge of oversight of renovations to the Town Hall.
- Accepted the draft report of the Charter Revision Commission, approved the proposed Charter, and submitted the proposed Charter to electors for approval or rejection at a special election held on February 4, 2009.
- Honored Bob Gillis as Volunteer of the Year.
- Authorized the Town Manager to execute an agreement for financial assistance for an artificial turf, multi-use, athletic field at Clem Lemire recreation complex.
- Authorized the Town Manager to enter into a contract with Paramount Construction for work related to the West Meadow Cemetery Expansion Project.
- Proclaimed April 6—12, 2009 as National Public Health Week.
- Adopted the Fiscal Year 2009-10 budget with total appropriations of \$94,708,838, and set a mill rate of 28.40, a 2.60% increase over Fiscal Year 2008-09.
- Adopted a Long Range Capital Improvement Plan for 2009-10 through 2013-14.
- Authorized the Town Manager to file an application for Justice Assistance Grant funding to purchase an additional replacement police cruiser.
- Authorized the Town Manager to execute contracts with Enfield Builders for the Town Hall lower level renovations.
- Approved the 2009 blighted properties list.
- Established the Newington High School Gym Floor Replacement Building Committee.
- Submitted the proposed lease of a 2.2 acre parcel of property to New Samaritan Corporation for affordable age-restricted housing for the elderly to the TPZ for an 8-24 report.
- Authorized the Town Manager to enter an agreement with the State for funding for the Kelsey and Church street rehabilitation and reconstruction project.

# Administration

## **Town Manager**

***John L. Salomone***

The Town Manager, appointed by the Town Council for an indefinite period of time at the pleasure of the Council, serves as the Chief Executive of the Town and manages the day-to-day operations of the Town departments. In addition to supporting the goals and objectives of the Town Council, the Town Manager, with the assistance of Town staff, is responsible for Purchasing, Risk Management, and Personnel. The Town Manager also serves as the local Traffic Authority, Public Safety Director, and Local Emergency Planning Coordinator.

## **2008-09 Highlights**

- Attended the Kiwanis meeting, which honored Marian Amodeo for her 10 years as Library Director and Dianne Stone for her 10 years as the Director of the Senior and Disabled Center.
- Attended numerous Mid-State Collaborative meetings.
- Participated in the Town Council Naming Committee, CIP Committee, Employee Insurance and Pension Benefits Committee, Downtown Revitalization Committee, Town Hall Heating System Replacement PBC, and Charter Revision Committee meetings.
- Met with representatives of Hartford Hospital and Mayor Wright regarding the Hospital's holdings in Newington and possible collaboration efforts.
- Attended CTCMA, CRRA, LEPC, and CRCOG meetings.
- With the Mayor, spoke to American Government classes at Newington High School about local government.
- Met with Human Service Director Ken Freidenberg and Town Planner Ed Meehan regarding the Safe Routes to School Program.
- Met with representatives from Central Connecticut State University (CCSU) to discuss future plans that might benefit the Town and the University.
- With Town Planner Ed Meehan, held meetings with New Samaritan Corporation and several developers in town.
- Developed a list of "shovel ready" projects for submission for consideration of funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.
- Attended the Wreaths Across America Ceremony at West Meadow Cemetery and the Night of Lights Ceremony in the Town Center.
- With Mayor Jeff Wright, presented the "State of the Town" address at a breakfast event sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce on February 12.
- Testified at a Legislative hearing in Hartford regarding a proposed tax on hotel rooms.
- Met with representatives from AFSCME Local 2930 and IBPO Local 443. AFSCME Local 2930 agreed to a one year extension of their collective bargaining agreement with no increase in wages.
- In conjunction with Finance and department heads, prepared Town Managers proposed budget.

### **Employee Anniversaries**

#### **30 Years**

- Dave Farley – Crew Foreperson
- Mike Newton – Groundskeeper IV
- Louis Tine – Groundskeeper II
- Richard Wansik – Groundskeeper I

#### **25 Years**

- Jeff Baron – Director of Admin. Services
- Ruth Block – Librarian I
- Will Califano – Equipment Operator II
- Wayne Fox – Senior Canine Control Officer

#### **20 Years**

- Lester Daigle – Parks Mechanic II
- William Darby – Police Lieutenant
- John Johnson – Police Lieutenant
- Illona Oslund – Administrative Secretary III
- Mark Ripley – Groundskeeper Foreperson

#### **10 Years**

- Jonathan Aselton – Police Officer
- Paulo Bordonaro – Equipment Operator II
- Dave Caron – Equipment Operator I
- Adrienne Cerniglia – Administrative Secretary I
- Brendan Moon – Police Sergeant
- Michael Morgan – Police Sergeant
- Grant Polomski – Equipment Operator I
- John Zemaitis – Police Sergeant

#### **5 Years**

- Ben Breitreutz – Groundskeeper II
- Walter Golembeski – Public Safety Dispatcher
- Tanya Lane – Town Clerk
- Eric O'Neil – Groundskeeper I
- Roxanne Verbridge – Admin. Asst. to the Chief of Police

## **Finance Department**

***Ann Harter, Director***

The Department of Finance consists of the Administration and Accounting office, the Assessor's office, and Revenue Collector's office. The Administration and Accounting office has the responsibility of administering the Town's finances and accounting for all Town funds. The office provides complete accounting services for all the boards, commissions, and departments of the town except the Board of Education. Detailed statements of this accounting appear in the Town's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, which is on file in the Town Clerk's Office, excerpts of which are included in this report. In addition, the office helps develop and administer the Town budget, handle the daily Treasury operations, and manage cash and debt obligations.

### **Mission**

*To provide accurate and timely financial reporting, information, and services to Town departments, the public, and policy leaders. We strive to stay current on accounting standards and financial practices and procedures in order to provide cost effective services and financial information to all users of Town financial information.*

### **2008-09 Highlights**

#### **Accounting and Administration**

- In July, Margo Siderowf, Account Clerk II (Payroll) retired after twenty three years of service. The recruitment for a new payroll clerk was successfully completed and Jennifer Massaro-Cook was appointed to the position.
- The Town was pleased to learn that it has been awarded the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for fiscal year 2006-2007. This is the eighteenth consecutive year the Town has received this national recognition for its financial report.
- Newington's outstanding bonded debt at June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009 was \$16,855,000, a decrease of \$1.750 million from the prior year. The Town's high credit ratings of Aa3 and AA, by Moody's Investor Services and Standard & Poor's respectively, were maintained during the year.

#### **Revenue Collector**

*-Corinne Aldinger, CCMC*

The Tax Office is responsible for the administration of all billing and collection activity for all real state motor vehicle and personal property taxes—the largest source of the Town's operating revenue. These taxes are essential to provide services for the Town's residents; the largest portion of tax revenues provide funding for our schools, our youth, and our elderly programs.

The Revenue Collector's Office enforces Connecticut State Statutes in accordance with guidelines established by the Office of Policy and Management and to ensure the records are accurate and security measures are in place.

#### **Tax Collection Activity FY 2008-09**

Taxes on Current Levy	\$71,531,034.77
Taxes on Motor Vehicle Supplemental List	608,467.50
Taxes on Prior Years Lists	429,745.10
Interest, Liens and Other Fees	295,582.00
Taxes on Advanced Coll. 2008 Grand List	5,783,041.35
Taxes and Fees Collected	\$78,650,870.72
Collection Rate	98.91%

#### **Assessor**

*-S. Steven Juda*

The mission of the Newington Assessor's office is to fulfill in a timely manner the requirements of Connecticut state law relative to the assessment of real property, personal property, and motor vehicles, in a way that provides residents, administrators, and professionals with accurate and timely information, ensuring that all taxpayers are treated in the most equitable manner possible, within a caring and responsive environment.

Real Property is assessed at 70% of a base year of value established on the October 1, 2005 revaluation. Commercial Personal Property and Motor Vehicles are assessed at 70% annually. The Grand List consists of over 12,000 real estate parcels, 1,400 commercial personal property accounts, and over 30,000 taxable motor vehicles. The office is also responsible for assisting special service programs by annually updating over 550 elderly, 50 blind, 6,100 special assessment adjustments for veterans, and 250 disabled exemptions for Newington taxpayers.

#### **2008-2009 Highlights**

- Provided professional service to general public and taxpayers.
- Listed, measured, valued, and entered in our data base 52 new condos at Woodlands, 25 new condos at Newington Ridge, and several large commercial properties on the Berlin Turnpike.
- Continued to maintain and administer the computer interface with the Geographic Information System (GIS).
- Enhanced internet web site with numerous links to real estate, sales, and professional data.

#### **Department Goals FY 2009-2010**

- Provide taxpayers with courteous, professional, and responsive service in a timely manner.
- Maintain an equalized tax base according to State Statutes and professional standards.
- Begin the 2010 revaluation of all real estate.

## 2008-09 Highlights

### Continued

The completed October 1, 2008 Grand List of net taxable property, subject to hearings of the Newington Board of Assessment Appeals was as follows:

Category	2007	2008	Percent Change	Dollar Change
Real Estate	\$2,295,820,555	\$2,322,407,485	1.2%	\$26,586,930
Personal Property	\$136,320,152	\$128,951,261	-5.4%	-\$7,368,891
Motor Vehicle	\$201,730,712	\$194,160,231	-3.8%	-\$7,570,481
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,633,871,419</b>	<b>\$2,645,518,977</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>\$11,647,558</b>

#### Manufacturing Equipment Exemption

Category	2007	2008	Percent Change	Dollar Change
Gross PP	\$174,913,106	\$172,833,600	-1.2%	-\$2,079,506
MFG & other	\$38,592,954	\$43,882,339	13.7%	\$5,289,385
<b>Net PP</b>	<b>\$136,320,152</b>	<b>\$128,951,261</b>	<b>-5.4%</b>	<b>-\$7,368,891</b>

#### Real Estate

The net real estate grand list increased from \$2,295,820,555 to \$2,322,407,485, an increase of \$26,586,930 (1.2%).

Improvements made to properties with building permits taken out for new construction added over \$28.2 million dollars from the 2007 grand list. Various properties decreased by a combined \$1.6 million due to Board of Assessment Appeals reductions and other real estate adjustments. The net increase was almost \$26.6 million dollars. New condominiums at Newington Ridge and Woodlands provided the majority of the increase. The significant changes to the real estate sector are illustrated in the table to the right.

#### Significant Real Estate Changes 2007 Grand List to 2008 Grand List

##### 2008 Grand List Increases

Woodlands – 52 Condos	\$10,200,000
Newington Ridge – 25 Condos	\$4,900,000
Various Commercial	\$49,000,000
Newington Berlin Retail LLC	\$3,900,000
Aldi	\$1,300,000
Other Improvements	\$2,000,000
Various New Homes	\$1,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$28,200,000</b>

##### 2008 Grand List Decreases

Adjustments	-\$1,000,000
Board of Assessment Appeals	-\$600,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>-\$1,600,000</b>

TOWN OF NEWINGTON, CT TOP TWENTY FIVE TAXPAYERS - 2008 GRAND LIST			
RANK	TAXPAYER	DESCRIPTION	GROSS
1	CONNECTICUT LIGHT & POWER CO	UTILITY	\$27,809,310
2	NEWINGTON VF L L C	WALMART	\$20,392,470
3	GALILEO TURNPIKE PLAZA LLC	PRICE CHOPPER & DICKS	\$19,703,670
4	TLG NEWINGTON LLC	SHAWS & BOBS	\$18,826,360
5	NEWINGTON GROSS LLC	STEW LEONARDS	\$18,777,850
6	HAYES KAUFMAN NEWINGTON ASSOCIATES	STOP & SHOP	\$12,952,450
7	TILCON CONNECTICUT INC	INDUSTRIAL	\$11,938,420
8	TARGET CORPORATION T 1802	TARGET	\$11,640,290
9	LOWES HOME CENTERS INC #623	LOWES	\$11,516,330
10	NEWINGTON- BERLIN RETAIL LLC	LA FITNESS/SAMS	\$11,422,910
11	HARTFORD HOSPITAL	APARTMENTS & LAB	\$11,269,380
12	MANDELL PROPERTIES	PRINTING	\$10,822,950
13	FURNITURE EXECUTIVES NO 4 L P	RAYMOUR & FLANIGAN	\$10,729,110
14	SPX CORP (FENN TECH)	MANUFACTURING	\$10,722,260
15	MTU AERO ENGINES NORTH AMERICA INC	MANUFACTURING	\$10,268,770
16	RENO PROPERTIES	MANUFACTURING	\$8,536,030
17	VOLVO AERO CONNECTICUT LLC	MANUFACTURING	\$8,359,220
18	NEWINGTON 2007 LLC FORMERLY NEWINGTON	MANUFACTURING	\$7,380,730
19	KOHLER MIX SPECIALITIES LLC	MANUFACTURING	\$7,300,130
20	BERLIN NEWINGTON ASSOCIATES LLC	MODELL & TGIF	\$6,925,310
21	APPLE SIX HOSPITALITY OWNERSHIP INC	COURTYARD MARRIOTT	\$6,638,170
22	COHEN ET AL	APARTMENTS & RETAIL	\$6,424,320
23	CNG	UTILITY	\$6,180,050
24	FENNWOODE DEVELOPMENT LLC	APARTMENTS	\$5,600,350
25	CERES NEWINGTON ASSOCIATES LLC	JOANNS	\$5,600,000
			<b>\$287,736,840</b>
	PERCENT OF GRAND LIST		11%

# **Information and Technology**

***Paul Boutot, Director***

The Department of Information and Technology provides strategic and policy direction for the implementation and management of technology for the Town of Newington. Core activities include development of the Town's IT strategic plan, technology support, policy formulation, and the review and revision of technology standards.

## **Mission**

*Information Systems and Technology will provide leadership, policy guidance, and assistance in the use of technology while offering the highest quality technology-based services, in a cost-effective manner, and maintain a secure, robust, and efficient communications network for our departments and the community we serve.*

## **2008-09 Highlights**

- Quarantined 119,770 unsolicited spam email messages and processed over 1,116 formal help desk requests.
- Processed 423 website Service Center requests.
- The Town's website saw approximately 240,401 visits and 743,363 page views.
- Upgraded the Town's Virtual Server infrastructure as well as the Town's Backup and Disaster Recovery capabilities.
- Deployed a new wide format color plotter printer.
- Deployed new computers in the Police Department and Town Clerk's Office.
- Upgraded the Registrars of Voters and Town Clerk's Office connectivity to the Secretary of States (SOT's) voter registration network.
- Deployed a new Pay for Print software application in the Town Clerk's Office.
- Deployed four new virtual servers to support the Police Department's Computer Aided Dispatch, Records Management System, and Mobile software application.
- Deployed two new virtual servers to support the Town Financial System (Munis) software application.
- Upgraded the Revenue Collector's and Assessor's Office Quality Data Services (QDS) software applications.
- Relocated fiber optic and telephone cables at the Senior and Disabled Center as part of the Cedar Street expansion project.
- Deployed a new Storage Area Network environment.
- Assisted in the selection of a new Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) Online Permitting Application.
- Deployed a new Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) sporting license terminal in the Town Clerk's Office.
- Supervised the installation of new data/telephony cable to support the public computer terminals in the Lucy Robbins Welles Library.

### 2009-2010 Goals

- Work with Town departments to help identify areas where technology can assist them in reaching their goals and objectives for internal and external purposes.
- Update and improve network documentation.
- Deploy additional Geographic Information Systems (GIS) capabilities for internal and public use.
- Research and deploy an open source Help Desk application to replace a commercial application.

# **Facilities Management**

***Robert Korpak, Director***

Facilities management is responsible for maintaining and providing operating guidance for all Town owned buildings with the exception of the Fire Stations and the School buildings. An internal staff of one maintainer and one HVAC technician handle the majority of the daily work requests and routine maintenance of building systems. Major project work is typically handled through the use of external contractors and vendors as the budget allows.

## **2008-09 Highlights**

- As a result of the comprehensive study of the Town Hall Facility, the aging boiler was successfully replaced, well under budget.
- The cemetery chapel was completely renovated with the installation of a new roof, new windows, siding repairs, as well as a complete painting of both the interior and exterior of the structure.
- Designed and installed a well at the Town Gardens, eliminating the need of the Parks Dept. to truck water to the site during the growing season. The installation was designed so that water availability can become year round if desired for possible winter activities.
- A campaign to repair and restore components at the Town Historic homes was undertaken with the window replacements at the Kelsey house this summer. This effort will continue with the exterior painting of the Kelsey house (weather permitting).
- Lower level renovations of the Town Hall were undertaken to accommodate the relocation of Channel 14 public television from the current Welles Drive location to the Town Hall. This renovation will also provide additional conference rooms for use of Town Departments and public meeting space. Initial pre-project demolition in the area was performed by department personnel.

## 2008-09 Highlights

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- Successfully obtained PEGPETIA grant to allow for the upgrade of the Channel 14 equipment and infrastructure as part of the renovation project in the Town Hall.
- Established a partnership through CROCOG which will enable the Town to utilize construction contracts at substantial savings through a new competitive bid process. This was implemented for the demolition of the former channel 14 building razing to begin in the fall.
- Developed and implemented new HVAC control logic for the Police Building. This will eliminate the air temperature and quality issues that have plagued the building since it opened several years ago. It is also expected to save considerable energy costs in future years.
- Completed upgrades to the Town Senior and Disabled Center, including new carpeting and painting of the main hallways, office areas, and multi-use rooms.
- Replaced all Town bus shelter enclosures with new glass.
- Replaced the water heaters at the Town Hall and Highway garage with new energy efficient models.
- Replaced front entrance doors to the Town Hall and Parks department with new energy efficient units.
- Upgraded Town Clerk's and Town Manager's office suites with new carpeting, paint, and air conditioning units in some offices.
- Installed additional air conditioning equipment in Police department computer room.

### 2009-2010 Goals

- Apply for energy conservation grant to be used for the Town Library HVAC upgrades. Implement HVAC system replacements after grant approval.
- Continue Town Hall upgrades as permitted by Town Council and CIP committee approvals.
- Continue with the supplier assessment and partnering program to continue to drive service and supply costs down.
- Review and implement new purchasing programs through partnering with State and Federal buying strategies.



Hallway of newly renovated section of Town Hall

## Town Clerk

*Tanya Lane*

The Town Clerk's office is tasked with preserving the Town's official records as well as making them easily accessible to the public. Responsibilities include: the recording, search, and retrieval of all land records, Veterans' Discharges, and vital statistics; maintaining the agenda notices and minutes of Town Council and other boards and commissions, as well as tracking membership and terms for all board and commission members; preparing and issuing absentee ballots for all elections; keeping abreast of all pertinent legislation; updating the Code of Ordinances; issuing various licenses and permits; and maintaining financial records disclosing fee collection for the Town and the State.

The office is charged with insuring the integrity and longevity of all the documents entrusted to our care so that the Town has accurate and accessible data for future generations.

## 2008-09 Highlights

- Land record index made accessible over the Internet.
- Survey maps integrated into the land record index making both types of documents searchable from one database.
- Copies of scanned images can now be printed from a public pay-for-print release station eliminating the need to make copies from land record volumes.
- Additional public search terminal set up.
- New Automated Sportsmen's Licensing System installed- supported by the Department of Environmental Protection.
- Veteran's Discharge data converted into electronically searchable database to assist staff in retrieving this information. This endeavor involved uploading approxi-

mately 11,000 individual records.

### 2009-2010 Goals

- Upgrade indexing software (Resolution3) to generate more workflow flexibility and processing efficiencies to increase the quality of our deliverables.
- Install a backfile conversion enhancement to the land record indexing system, constructing a 33-year searchable electronic database. The goal is to offer constituents a searchable database going back forty years (the acceptable time-span for title searching Connecticut real estate).
- Capture digitized images of land records linking the images to the electronic index data—as time and funding permits.

### Charter Revision Commission

The Charter Revision Commission was created by a Town Council Resolution passed on December 11, 2007.

The Commission was charged to:

- Consider changes to the way the budget for the Town and the Board of Education is approved, and to consider a mandatory referendum under certain circumstances.
- Examine dollar limitations imposed by the Town Charter and to consider methods for adjusting those limits.
- Increase cost effectiveness in government by eliminating or consolidating Town agencies, boards and commissions.

The Commission met extensively to study the existing charter and local government. Commission members probed deeply into various aspects of Town government to identify weaknesses, to discover best practices that might be applied, and to set down their findings in the hope of proposing a better government.

Invitations were extended to former Town Council members, members of other boards and commissions, the Town Manager, and department heads. Each was invited to express their views on the possible changes to the Charter.

The work of the Commission culminated in a Referendum held on February 24, 2008. Voters were asked to vote "YES" or "NO" on the following question:

*"Shall the Town of Newington adopt the proposed charter that was approved by the Town Council on January 13, 2009 which includes a 3% tax cap, a budget referendum, and an education circuit breaker?"*

In a 29% turnout, after all the votes were tallied, Charter Revision was narrowly defeated by a vote of 2,849 to 2,898.

Town Clerk Statistical Summary 2008-09		
LAND RECORDS	2008-09	2007-08
Documents	6058	6877
Maps	48	95
VITAL STATISTICS		
Births	232	280
Marriages	193	227
Civil Unions	0	6
Deaths	309	316
LICENSES		
Sporting	1346	2366
Dog	1997	2039
MISCELLANEOUS		
Veteran's Discharges	42	48
Trade Name Certificates	98	96
Liquor Permits	49	49
RECEIPTS--TOWN	2008-09	2007-08
Recording Fees	\$ 156,192	\$ 183,696
Conveyance Tax	\$ 275,157	\$ 509,168
Document Preservation	\$ 11,323	\$ 12,863
Vital Statistics	\$ 17,512	\$ 20,479
Dog License Software	\$ -	\$ -
Dog Licenses	\$ 2,031	\$ 2,041
Sporting Licenses	\$ 1,016	\$ 1,842
Copy Fees	\$ 19,028	\$ 15,896
Miscellaneous	\$ 2,231	\$ 2,770
<b>TOTAL GEN. FUND</b>	<b>\$ 484,488</b>	<b>\$ 748,754.65</b>
RECEIPTS--STATE	2008-09	2007-08
Document Preservation	\$ 10,248	\$ 12,852
Dog License Surcharge	\$ 4,607	\$ 4,676
Dog Licenses	\$ 11,598	\$ 11,384
Sporting Licenses	\$ 22,503	\$ 45,557
State Treasurer	\$ 146,848	\$ 165,750
LoCip	\$ 16,944	\$ 19,125
<b>TOTAL STATE</b>	<b>\$ 212,749</b>	<b>\$ 259,343</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 697,237</b>	<b>\$ 1,008,098</b>

### Registrars of Voters

**Linda Cultrera, Republican • Marie Fox, Democrat**

The office of the Registrar of Voters is established and governed by the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, the office of the Secretary of State, and the Elections Enforcement and Infractions Division.

#### Registrars' Responsibilities:

- Responsible for the maintenance of records of all registered and removed voters and the upkeep and general maintenance of the 36 Town-owned voting machines.
- Complete the State-mandated annual canvass by NCOA and telephone.
- Supervise primaries, special referenda, and general elections.
- Responsible for the hiring and training of election officials.
- Oversee the eight polling places, all of which are handicapped accessible and supervise absentee balloting at six local facilities.

- Hold mandated and special voting maker sessions, including one at the high school.

#### Polling Places (all handicapped accessible)

District 1: Town Hall, 131 Cedar Street  
District 2: Ruth L. Chaffee School, 160 Superior Avenue  
District 3: Anna Reynolds School, 85 Reservoir Road  
District 4: Elizabeth Green School, 30 Thomas Street  
District 5: John Wallace Middle School, 71 Halleran Drive  
District 6: John Patterson School, 120 Church Street  
District 7: Martin Kellogg Middle School: 155 Harding Avenue  
District 8: John Wallace Middle School, 71 Halleran Drive



# Community Services

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## **DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

*Ken Freidenberg, Director*

### **Mission**

*We serve residents of all ages to improve their quality of life by increasing their knowledge, skill, and self-sufficiency through a comprehensive and coordinated continuum of social work and community services.*

The Human Services Department offers a variety of human service programs and services affecting children, youth, adults, elderly and their families. Service areas include information and referral, community education and coordination, prevention and positive youth and family development, social work and case management, clinical therapy, crisis response, and economic assistance.

### ***"A Helping Hand for All Ages"***

#### **2008-09 Highlights**

- Prevention and positive youth development were offered through a variety of activities and programs that teach skills in decision-making, problem-solving, communication, team cooperation, and leadership:
- Rite of Passage Experience (ROPE) is a three-phase community approach to prevention. Before beginning the first phase, challenge initiatives are provided to fourth grade students during the annual Field Day focusing on their transition from elementary to middle school. All sixth-grade students participated in the first phase of ROPE through the 21-hour program which is incorporated into the school health and wellness curriculum. The second phase of ROPE promotes positive leisure time through after-school and summer programs. The third phase of ROPE encourages youth and their parents to give back to the community through volunteer service.
- Student Challenge of Recreation/Education (SCORE) offers after-school activities and opportunities at both middle schools.
- Adventure Builds Bridges brings together youth, police, and human services staff by using outdoor activities and community service projects to teach leadership skills and enhance youth and adult relationships.
- The Newington High School Adventure Club provided youth with adventure experiences after-school, as well as on several weekends during the year.
- The Outdoor Challenge Ropes Course offers low and high element challenges to numerous local and outside groups including school age youth, college students, business, churches, and non-profits.
- The Food Bank, Holiday Toy and Gift program, Energy Assistance, Clothing Closet and a Special Needs Fund help eligible residents with emergency basic need assistance.
- This past year, the Food Bank experienced a record number of households as a result of the difficult economy.
- The annual holiday programs served 313 households, representing 728 children, adults, and elderly. 216 residents were assisted through generous community contributions to the Special Needs Fund.
- Staff administered the Operation Fuel Program with additional funding from the State, approving 195 households for heating and non heating assistance totaling \$71,600.
- Volunteers continued to make a significant difference to residents in need.
- 120 volunteers helped monitor the food bank and prepare for the annual holiday distributions.
- Food Bank and Holiday Program Volunteer, Bob Gillis received the Town Council Annual Volunteer of the Year Award, a wonderful honor for a very dedicated resident.
- Interfaith Community Action Newington (ICAN) brings together lay representatives from churches and synagogues in the Town. Volunteers help with yard work, minor household chores and repairs, visiting, driving to medical appointments, and community service projects.



The ROPE Final Challenge requires teamwork and communication



## 2008-09 Highlights

### Continued

- Other volunteer projects initiated by youth through the third phase of ROPE included maintenance on the Challenge Course, Eagle Scout projects, helping with the food bank and holiday programs, volunteering at the Summer Extravaganza, and high school youth mentoring middle school youth.
- The Social Casework and Youth and Family Counseling programs provide traditional social work and clinical therapy services to all age populations. Social Workers make home visits and see families in their offices at Town Hall. Issues brought to the department by residents include health, mental health, financial assistance, marriage and family conflict, child and elderly abuse or neglect, domestic violence, housing, transportation, substance abuse, and crisis intervention.
- The Juvenile Review Board is an alternative and early means of identifying and assisting youth whose behaviors put them at risk. The Board is composed of representatives from police, schools, human services, juvenile court, and the interfaith clergy association. During 2008-09

eleven youth and their parents appeared before the Board for incidents such as shoplifting, vandalism, fighting, criminal mischief, bullying, truancy, and domestic conflict.

- A number of community education programs were sponsored or co-sponsored this year: "Getting Ready for Kindergarten", "At-Risk Youth", Early Childhood Development Workshops, "Staying Connected with Your Teen" Parenting Course, "All Together Now" Diversity Awareness, "The World of Difference" Anti Defamation League, "The Developing Brain and High Risk Behaviors", and "Grandpa is a Weirdo" Anti-Bullying film.
- The Director of Human Services provides staff support for the Youth-Adult Council, Fair Rent and Human Rights Commissions, Committee on Community Safety, and provides a monthly report to the Commission on Aging and the Disabled. The Director also acts as the Town's American with Disabilities Act Coordinator, Affirmative Action Coordinator, and Employee Assistance Coordinator.



*"A Helping hand for all ages."*

#### UNDUPLICATED CUMULATIVE CASES/PARTICIPANTS

	2008-09	2007-08
Youth & Family Counseling	179	183
Social Casework	316	321
Special Needs	216	227
Food Bank	1047	1045
Holiday Food, Gifts, Toys	728	578
Positive Youth Development	3,636	4,640
Juvenile Review Board	12	34
Community Education	2,704	2,245
Information and Referral	4,452	3,604

## Youth-Adult Council

The Youth-Adult Council (YAC) acts as an advisory to the Human Services Department. The members are appointed by the Mayor and represent parents, youth, police, schools, private agencies, business, and liaisons from the Town.

- YAC members promote 6FI, also known as Six Feet of Influence. This encourages everyone in the community to speak out when they observe hurtful behavior and comments within six feet around them. At the Extravaganza they set up a wishing tree so youth and adults could attach cards identifying people in their lives that have had a positive influence.
- YAC sponsors the Super Hoop-La Basketball Game, in which students from every school compete in a friendly tournament to raise funds for three scholarships awarded to graduating high school students. This year over 400 children and families attended this event.
- YAC collaborates with Newington High School for annual

all day diversity awareness workshops for the entire 10th grade. The program is facilitated by the Anti-Defamation League, with trained students and teachers, and is designed to provide information and awareness to students regarding issues of prejudice and discrimination. Funding to support this program is provided by the Town Council and Board of Education.

- Through a grant from the Capital Area Substance Abuse Council, substance abuse prevention/education programs were offered to both middle schools and the high school. The grant also supported the High School Graduation Celebration and Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) Newington Chapter.

# LUCY ROBBINS WELLES LIBRARY

*Marian Amodeo, Director*

The first free library was established in Newington in 1787 as a result of a bequest from Jedidiah Deming. Newington's first public library opened in 1895 with a grant of \$200 from the State Legislature, matched by \$200 from the Town. Today the Lucy Robbins Welles Library is one of the busiest libraries in the state. In 2009, the Lucy Robbins Wells Library continued to provide information, education, and cultural enrichment to the Newington community through its commitment to excellence in all of its services during the year.

## 2008-09 Highlights

- Over 4,000 children and their caregivers took part in activities this year. Participation was notably high in the dynamic reading program, *Catch the Reading Bug @ Your Library*.
- During the year, the special needs playgroups, *Play For All*, and *Family Place*, where parents have opportunities to speak to resource people while enjoying a play and story program with their young children, continued to meet.
- Noted children's author, Mitali Perkins, spoke to all 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades as part of the Sliva Young People's Literary series. 500 people came to celebrate the finale of the winter reading program, *Books Are Cool*. Puppet shows, a symphony, magic, and vaudeville were some of the many cultural events offered.
- *Tales 2 Tails* debuted in the fall. Children in grades 1 through 5 read to therapy dogs that visited the library on Saturdays. Therapy dogs provide a comfortable and positive atmosphere for students with reading anxieties.
- Over 1,200 teens turned out for our teen programs: comedy hypnosis, an auction, video games after hours, movies, a teen art display and reception, and the start of this summer's reading program, to name a few. A new Librarian who specializes in teen services was welcomed to the staff.
- A number of programs were offered for adults: The Brown Bag It lunchtime series, World Cuisine series, as well as film series, author appearances, and a healthy living series. Other programs included The Big Read regional effort, investing, human trafficking and informational programs for veterans, book discussions, and myriad other seasonal programs.
- The Library's website continued to serve as a virtual library for thousands who access it on a regular basis. Not only does it contain information about programs, new additions to the collections, and listings of all services, it also serves as a portal to information on a variety of subjects through links to other web sites. The site is maintained on a daily basis.
- A new Books-By-Mail service was introduced so that Newington residents who are confined to their homes or rehabilitation facilities can receive Library materials through the postal service.
- Another addition is Newington's presence on a database entitled *Treasures of Connecticut*. The Library partnered with the Newington Historical Society to present a collection of historical homes that have been digitized and are available for researchers and residents to view online.
- Publications created annually by the Library included the Newington Business Directory that lists approximately 1,400 local businesses, the Newington Packet, and the Town organization list. These were all updated and made



**Lucy Robbins Wells**



## 2008-09 Highlights

*Continued*

- available in print and/or electronic format.
- Reference Department staff began to utilize a “roving” model of providing information service. Rather than remaining behind the desk during their scheduled desk time, staff walk around the library and make themselves more accessible to patrons who need assistance.
- As the economic climate worsened and job layoffs became more widespread, the Library was at the forefront of providing help to those residents who began to need a new type of service. A job seekers’ support group was established and an ongoing series of programs designed to give assistance in every aspect of job transitioning was put into effect: resume writing, interviewing practice, coping with job loss, career planning for age 50 and beyond, and instruction in the use of Indeed.com, a powerful search engine, were some of the topics covered.
- The Library maintained its status in national ratings, with a score that put it second in its population category in Connecticut.

### Library Board Highlights

- Induction of inaugural members into the Legacy Society was conducted by the Library Board, as patrons who have made large donations and/or provisions for the Library in their estate plans were recognized.
- Board member Anthony Palermino announced the creation of the Catherine and Joseph Palermino Scholarship, which will be awarded annually to a Library staff member who is pursuing an advanced degree or professional development in the field of Library and Information Science. The Friends of the Library began preliminary plans as they looked to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2010/11.



### STATISTICAL SUMMARY

	2008-2009	2007-2008	% Change
Items circulated	411,662	410,112	.37%
Total registration	12,880	12,768	-----
People count	244,804	257,929	-5%
New registration	1,194	1,797	-8%
Reference questions	66,332	64,997	+2%
Online searches	34,202	n/a	n/a
Remote searches	14,199	n/a	n/a
Children’s programs	603	549	+10%
Attendance	24,782	24,038	+3%
Child computer use	8,396	9,110	-7%
Child summer reading	1,089	1,301	-16%
Adult summer reading	451	420	+7%
Teen/Adult programs	96	101	-----
Attendance	3,981	4,051	-----
Items added	16,326	15,335	+6%
Items deleted	10,832	7,176	+51%
Teen /Adult computer	31,274 hrs.	26,412	+18%
Adult Internet usage	20,089	19,078	+5%
Homepage visits	63,165	n/a	n/a
Library holdings	153,019	153,767	-----
Volunteer hours	1,686	1,494	+13%
Books mended	1,046	897	+17%
AV repairs	3,366	2,439	+38%



### Library Research Topics of Note

- Running an automobile on vegetable oil.
- Salary disparities between men and women.
- Books to increase reading comprehension.
- Eric Carle books in Spanish.
- Graduate programs in social work.
- Calculation of social security benefits.



# **NEWINGTON SENIOR & DISABLED CENTER**

***Dianne Stone, Director***

Open to all persons aged 55 and older and younger adults with disabilities, the Center's program areas include information and referral, health prevention and promotion services, fitness and wellness, leisure and recreation, social activities and special events, life long learning, supportive services including case management, transportation, and nutrition. It was the first Center in the State of Connecticut to be nationally accredited and is the designated Community Focal Point for aging services.

## **Mission**

*To support older adults and people with disabilities in the Town of Newington in maintaining and enriching their independence, well-being and quality of life. This is accomplished by:*

- *promoting full inclusion in the community;*
- *facilitating access to a comprehensive choice of services and activities;*
- *ensuring that services and activities respond to the diverse needs and interests of the served population, and;*
- *providing ongoing opportunities for life-long learning and growth.*

## **2008-09 Highlights**

- The Senior and Disabled Center was successfully re-accredited by the National Institute of Senior Centers. The Center, first accredited in 2003, has demonstrated marked improvement since then. The Peer Reviewer highlighted the Information and Referral Center and brain fitness programs as national models and noted the inter-departmental and community partnerships that improve the array of programs available. The Accreditation process is a rigorous voluntary program has only been completed by 172 Centers across the country.
- Implemented MySeniorCenter, a database solution. Newington was the lead agency in a project funded by the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving to bring this system, featuring a key tag scanning system, to ten Centers in the Greater Hartford region.
- In cooperation with Wethersfield and Rocky Hill, continued the very popular out-of-town medical transportation program. Continued funding for this program was not included in the Governor's proposed biennial budget. Center Director Dianne Stone provided testimony at public hearings to urge its continuance.
- Held more than 30 different health promotion and disease prevention programs throughout the year, most offered free of charge by subject matter experts. Dental cleanings and screenings were made available through Older American's Act grant from the North Central Agency on Aging.
- Received assistance through sponsorship, in kind donation of goods or services, and direct assistance from more than 15 different businesses and agencies including several long term care facilities, health care agencies, and town businesses
- The Center helped more than a thousand residents with supportive programs including Energy Assistance, Renter's Rebate, Medicare Part D, ConnPace, Meals on Wheels, Tax preparation, and case management. The Information and Referral Center was recognized as a model program by an award from the Connecticut Association of Senior Center Personnel.
- Held several annual events including the annual Police Safety Picnic, Newington Health Care Center Ice Cream Social, EXPO, Kiwanis Senior Holiday Dinner, a general membership meeting and the Volunteer Recognition ,and Wall of Honor Award. Myra Cohen was inducted into the Wall of Honor.
- Other special events included a St. Patrick's Day party sponsored by a Newington Memorial Funeral Home, theme parties presented by HealthNet including "Coney Island Memories", and a volunteer social.
- The facility received some major attention this year with the long awaited re-carpeting of the main hallways and several rooms, new cafeteria chairs (purchased entirely through donated and raised funds), cafeteria window treatments (created by staff), and painting.
- Director Dianne Stone was invited to be involved in several state and national activities including presentations before several statewide associations and at the ASA/NCOA Annual Conference. Ms. Stone continued leadership positions within the aging network including vice-presidency of the State Association of Senior Center Personnel, the Connecticut Elder Action Network and the National Council on Aging, serving as a delegate and as the Chair of the National Accreditation Board.
- New programs this year include participation in a State-wide Wii bowling challenge, The Price is Right, Live Well (a 6 week chronic disease self-management program), and many demonstration programs.
- Robin Robino, a twenty year employee of the Senior and Disabled Center, passed away unexpectedly but peacefully on June 11, 2009. Robin was very active with the Special Olympics Program and was most recently responsible for shredding at the Center.

Dial-A-Ride		Wellness Clinic
Trips	Miles	Appointments
16,007 18% increase over 2008-09	48428	1,128 (45 Clinics)

# Department of Parks & Recreation

***Bruce Till, Superintendent***

The Parks and Recreation Department is comprised of two divisions, Recreation and Parks & Grounds, and provides comprehensive recreation services and facilities for Newington residents.

## **Recreation Division**

The Town of Newington has established a firm commitment to recreational resources and opportunities for its residents. The Town operates outdoor swimming pools in Mill Pond Park and Churchill Park. Indoor swimming is available at Newington High School. Tennis enthusiasts can find courts at Churchill Park and Newington High School. Soft surface courts are located at Mill Pond Park. Golfers can enjoy the beauty of the landscape at the Town-owned but privately operated 18-hole Indian Hill Country Club. Several trails and a skate park are also available for recreational enjoyment.

The Parks & Recreation Department offers a wide variety of recreational programs, special events, sports leagues, bus trips, facility rentals (Churchill Park pavilions, Kellogg-Eddy House, Mortensen Community Center), and leisure opportunities for all ages, including the Teen Center, which is open for students in grades 7 to 12. Programs include Summer Playgrounds

(Preschool age through Grade 7), Counselor-In-Training Program (Grades 8-10), Summer Aquatics (Preschool through Adult), Community Gardens, Adult Softball Leagues, Youth and Men's Basketball Leagues, and a host of other programs and special events.. Baseball at T-Ball, Little League, Senior League, and Challenger levels is self-sponsored at Town facilities, as is Midget Football, Soccer, Swim Club, Lacrosse, Cheerleading, and Youth Wrestling. The Department works closely with various citizen committees, civic and youth sports organizations, as well as the Board of Education. The Department's Creative Playtime Preschool program is fully licensed through the State of Connecticut and open to children ages 3 to 5.

The Department also sponsors the annual Extravaganza celebration in July at Mill Pond Park, highlighted by an evening fireworks display.



**Mill Pond Park**

## **2008-09 Highlights**

- A total of over 660 programs were offered throughout the year, and more than 9,000 participants registered for these programs.
- New programs included Skateboarding and Cheerleading camps, Mad Science, Play-Well Lego Camp, Ballroom Dancing, Adult and Senior Line Dancing, Soccer Madness, Power Cardio, among others.
- Free opportunities for recreation and leisure were offered, including Fun Runs, Concerts at Mill Pond Park, and Pictures with Santa as well as free special events such as Touch-A-Truck, National Trails Day Bird Walk, Family Fishing Derby, and Night of Lights.
- The annual Mill Pond Park Extravaganza was extended to a week-long event, and in addition to the traditional entertainment and fireworks, included a carnival, Movie in the Park, Bowling Tournament, and a concert in the park.
- Additional sessions of swim lessons were offered on Monday nights during the spring season to accommodate residents needing swim lessons before the summer.
- Creative Playtime Preschool Program remained a popular choice for parents of 3-5 year old children, with the program at capacity for the entire year.
- A wreath lighting at the Mill Pond waterfalls was added to the annual Night of Lights, an event co-sponsored with the Newington Chamber of Commerce, where residents enjoy a holiday lighting ceremony in the Town Center, a carol sing with Santa, and a fire truck parade.
- The 11<sup>th</sup> annual Benefit Golf Tournament held at Indian Hill Country Club was a success, with more than 126 golfers participating. Proceeds from the tournament were used for community programs such as Camp Sunrise, a camp for children with disabilities.

## Parks & Grounds Division

The Parks & Grounds Division is responsible for the year round maintenance of 833 acres of parks and public green spaces, including two community parks, nine neighborhood parks, two historic properties (Kellogg-Eddy House and the Kelsey House), the Young Farm, and all public school grounds. It also maintains the Town greens, three cemeteries, the Municipal Parking Lot, the Town Center, and the grounds of all Newington public buildings. The Division is also responsible for the initial startup of the community garden plots, the picnic and recreation facilities at Churchill Park, a skate park, two outdoor swimming pools, playgrounds, several miles of hiking/biking trails, numerous public rights-of-way and cul-de-sacs, roadside mowing, and flower beds and pots. Maintenance activities include mowing, pruning, trash removal, and athletic field preparation for scholastic and recreational use, snow removal for schools and public building parking areas, sidewalks, and school walk routes through Town spaces.

### 2008-09 Highlights

- Installed ten pine trees at the Badger Field water retention basin area to provide privacy for the neighbors.
- Badger Field received a major renovation, including the replacement of the irrigation system and the installation of 10,000 square feet of sod. Also, repairs to the perimeter fencing were addressed.
- Churchill and Mill Pond pools were retrofitted with new drain covers to conform to new regulations. Churchill was also repainted.
- Young Farm had a well pump installed, and park members worked with the contactors trenching in the power and water lines for the community gardens.
- The Clem Lemire Midget Football field renovation was completed, including the installation of 15,000 square feet of sod.
- Division personnel renovated three circles in the Barn Hill area of town. This included the removal of unsightly shrubs and the placement of topsoil and seed.



Parks in Newington	Baseball	Softball	Play-ground	Multiuse Fields*	Tennis	Pool	Volleyball Bocce	Basket-ball	Trails	Ice Skating	Picnic Shelter	Water Features	Skate Park
Badger Field - <i>Walsh Ave.</i>													
Beacon Park - <i>Beacon St.</i>													
Beechwood Park - <i>Woodbridge Rd.</i>													
Candlewick Park - <i>Lamp Lighter La.</i>													
Churchill Park - <i>Main St.</i>													
Clem Lemire - <i>New Britain Ave.</i>													
Eagle Lantern Park - <i>Eagle Dr.</i>													
Little Brook Park - <i>Little Brook Dr.</i>													
Mill Brook Farms Park - <i>Main St.</i>													
Mill Pond Park - <i>Garfield St.</i>													
Seymour Park - <i>Seventh St.</i>													
Starr Park - <i>Brook St.</i>													
Mary Wells Park - <i>Cedar St.</i>													



- denotes facilities available in that park

\* Multi-use Fields include: soccer, lacrosse and football



# Department of Public Safety

## Newington Police Department

*Richard Mulhall, Chief*

***"To Protect and Serve."***

The Newington Police Department consists of 51 full time police officers and 13.5 civilian employees. Officers maintain 24 hour uniformed service to the community in marked patrol vehicles and community services deployment. The department's commitment to the community is to preserve peace and public order, prevent and detect crime, apprehend offenders, and protect persons and property under the laws of the State of Connecticut and the ordinances of the Town of Newington.

### 2008-09 Highlights

- **Staffing:** In 2008, the Department achieved a full sworn complement of 51 authorized officers. The Departmental staff worked hard to properly train new officers and ensure that the quality standard of service to the community was maintained. The department is proud of the efforts of the supervisory staff, training staff and FTOs' (Field Training Officers), as well as the new officers' efforts in making this transition successful.
- There were three promotions and reassignments during the year. Officer Christopher Perry and MPO Claude Steiner were promoted to the rank of Sergeant and Officer Lawrence DeSimone was promoted to permanent Detective. Officer Kathleen Kelliher was assigned to the Detective Division as the department's Youth Officer and Officer Paul Camara was assigned to the Detective Division.
- **First Responder Status:** During the past three years, the Department has been in the process of re-instituting Medical Response Technician (MRT) status to all of our patrol officers with the goal of establishing the department as the "First Responder" for the town's medical complaints. This process involved the training of personnel, the procurement of equipment, and the rewriting of orders. The final application was submitted to the state Health Department and was approved in the spring of 2009. First Responder status allows officers who hold a medical certification of MRT or higher to utilize automated external defibrillators (AED) to treat patients in cardiac arrest. The Department's quick response times in these situations will afford the town's residents improved service.
- **Less Lethal Device Deployment:** During the past three years, the department has been moving toward equipping all patrol officers with Taser X-26's defensive devices, and in 2009 that deployment was completed. During 2008, Newington Police Officers utilized these weapons in six situations to control violent and aggressive acts.
- **Use of DNA:** Over the last few years, Detectives began processing evidence from crime scenes utilizing methods designed to collect DNA evidence. As a result, the State Police Forensics Lab has reported DNA matches on recent submissions from the Police Department. In 2008, the Department began to see the benefit of this additional evidence gathering technique, with matches on two individuals in a bank robbery that occurred in town last year, one individual in a burglary of a local convenience store / gas station that occurred two years ago, and another for an individual who burglarized a local restaurant and a distribution warehouse last year. This evidence collection method has become standard with the Detective Division.
- **Mid-State Narcotics:** During 2009 the department continued its membership in the regional Mid State Narcotic Unit. The officer assigned worked on local, regional, and statewide narcotic cases. The unit worked with the DEA, Hartford Narcotics, the State Police, and other agencies in enforcing drug laws. The unit accounted for the following activity:
  - Cash: \$2,336 and with the DEA \$100,000
  - Powder Cocaine: 32 grams
  - Crack Cocaine: 102.7 grams
  - Marijuana: 62.9 grams
  - Heroin: 61 bags and 536.9 grams
  - Controlled Substances: 52 Percocet pills and 7 Valium pills
  - Property Seized: 5 vehicles



**Emergency Operation Center (EOC)**

## 2008-09 Highlights

### Continued

- **NIMS:** In 2008, the Department met the training standards set for municipal police departments in the National Incident Management System (NIMS). A national initiative under the direction of the Department of Homeland Security, this system provides standardized command and control in dealing with large scale events that require coordination of multiple government agencies. Government agencies are required to be NIMS compliant in order to be eligible to receive federal funding.
- **Emergency Response Team (ERT):** The ERT unit responded to three emergency incidents: two barricaded subjects and a felony warrant detail conducted with Hartford Police Department, which resulted in over 30 arrests. Officers train locally and with the other regional teams. All eight regional teams were trained and certified in explosive entry techniques and the use of infrared illuminators. The team received over \$47,000 in regional equipment funded by Homeland Security Grants.
- **Department Grants**
  - DUI (State DOT)
  - Traffic Enforcement (State DOT)
  - Youth and the Police Grant (State OPM)
  - Bullet Proof Vest Program (Federal)
  - COPS Grant (Federal)
  - Office of Statewide Emergency Telecommunications (OSET) Training Grant (State)
- These grants, totaling \$167,052, allow the Department to expand services, conduct training, and augment equipment.
- **Regional Grants and Efforts:** The Capital Region Chiefs of Police Association was very involved with Homeland Security and Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant programs. These programs are designed to coordinate Federal and State Funding into cooperative law enforcement programs that benefit the area. During the year, the region secured \$690,000 in federal (HLS & UASI) funding to support our regional Bomb Squad, Eight (8) Regional SWAT units, and the regional SCUBA Team. These units serve the local communities and in the time of major incidents have been coordinated to work with each other to supply increased police presence in the affected area.
- **Major Cases:** Major cases included:
  - On June 26, a patrol officer observed a vehicle parked in a lot of a local motel on the Berlin Turnpike. After further investigation, 290 bags of heroin and a small amount of marijuana were found inside the vehicle. Two individuals were arrested for narcotics related charges.
  - Patrol Officers responded to a local Berlin Turnpike motel after receiving information that a murder suspect was in the area. Patrol Officers located the suspect and charged him with being a fugitive from justice. He was held at Newington Police Department on a 3 million dollar bond.

### Community Service Projects

**New Meadow Path:** The CSO Unit worked with area residents, faith-based groups, town agencies, and local businesses in an effort to clean up the pathway system behind Greenlawn Ave., Crest Ave., and Saint Mary's Church. Improvements to the path have allowed for routine police patrols that have resulted in a significant reduction in calls for service.

**Step Up Program:** It was decided to discontinue the DARE program and develop a program that can be tailor made to the youth of Newington. CSO Webster and staff developed the curriculum. The program was well received and is addressing current issues facing our youth.

**Senior Services:** A staple of the CSO Unit's contact with the elderly in our community is the Senior Picnic. Officers and staff cooked and served a barbecue lunch for over 100 seniors attending the event. Additionally, demonstrations were conducted at the end of lunch. This year, a presentation by the ERT was conducted as well as a demonstration utilizing the K-9. In addition, the CSO Unit in conjunction with the Senior and Disabled Center opened a field office to provide seniors easy access to police officers to handle their concerns and complaints. The CSO launched the "Yellow Dot" program during the office hours.

**Toy Drive:** The CSO and the SRO units worked together on this project. The SRO worked with the High School and Middle School youths to collect toys for the program. The CSO unit worked with Wal-Mart and community donations to complete the program. This year the program collected over 2000 toys for Newington families.

### General Police Statistical Summary

July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009

Calls For Service	30,481
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1,588
Criminal Arrests (1071 adults/ 126 juveniles)	1,197
Part 1 UCR Crimes	927
DUI Arrests	208
Detective Division Cases	328

### Part 1 (Major) Crimes

July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009

Type of Crime	# of Offenses	Value of Crime
Murder	0	
Forcible Rape	7	
Robbery	9	\$60,800
Assault	106	
Burglary	91	\$273,124
Larceny Theft	562	\$402,811
Auto Theft	35	\$366,433
Totals	810	\$1,103,168



## **Newington Volunteer Ambulance Corps**

***Scott Woods, Chief***

The Newington Volunteer Ambulance Corps Inc. (NVA) is a volunteer organization providing Basic and Intermediate level emergency ambulance service to the Town of Newington. Established in 1969 by a small group of concerned citizens, the Corps, which is a not-for-profit entity separate from the Town, has approximately 50 members who are certified as EMT-Basic's, Intermediates, and Paramedics. From its headquarters on John Stewart Drive, the NVA provides weeknight service from 6pm to 6am and 24 hours on weekends and holidays. American Medical Response of Hartford (AMR) provides additional service and paramedic service.

### **2008-09 Highlights**

- Members volunteered 16,815 hours on duty to answer 1,435 calls. Members completed approximately 2,400 hours of training and meetings to stay up-to-date with required medical and OSHA training.
- During the past year, N.V.A. has worked with the Newington Police Department to update EMS training level to First Responder level and Automated Electronic Defibrillator (AED). Upon completion of the training, the police department successfully received certification as First Responders for Newington on EMS calls from the Department of Public Health. A past member of N.V.A., the Robert Rosania Memorial Fund donated 10 defibrillators, which can now be used to save lives.
- N.V.A. also provides C.P.R. training to residents, ambulance coverage for high school football, and the annual Parks and Recreation Extravaganza. Ambulance tours are available upon request to residents and civic organizations. For more information, please visit us at [NewingtonEMS.com](http://NewingtonEMS.com).

## **Newington Volunteer Fire Department**

***Chris Schroeder, Chief***

The Newington Volunteer Fire Department is responsible for fire, rescue, and hazardous materials response services for residential and commercial properties and provides a comprehensive Fire Prevention and Fire Education program designed to meet specific requirements of both residents and commercial businesses. Oversight is provided by an elected three member Board of Fire Commissioners with powers and duties vested in it by Town Charter.

Established in 1917, the Department is an all volunteer organization comprised of approximately 140 members. A Fire Cadet program provides full-level training equal to that of active firefighters for 16 and 17 year olds interested in fire service.

### **2008-09 Highlights**

- The Department took delivery of the New Engine #3 stationed at Company Three on West Hill Road. A Dedication Ceremony was held on June 6<sup>th</sup> with the "Blessing of the Apparatus" by Department Chaplain Father Dennis Vincenzo. The old Engine #3 will remain in service as Spare Engine #5. The existing spare engine was sold at auction.
- Thirty new members joined the Department during the year and have completed or are in the process of completing their recruit training requirements. Twelve members left the department during the year. One member with 32 years of service retired and one 22 year member moved out of the area. Ten members with less than two years of service also left the department.
- The drainage system and parking lot at Company #3 on West Hill Road were completely reconstructed and paved by the town.
- The Department held two "Tip-A-Firefighter" fund raisers at TGI Friday's Restaurant to support the Muscular Dystrophy Association and the American Cancer Society.
- Seventeen new members were trained and qualified as Apparatus Drivers after receiving their 2-Q License from the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles.
- Department personnel received over 8,572.5 man-hours of fire service training during the year.
- Newington Fire, Police, and EMS Personnel assisted Northeast Utilities Company film a safety awareness video. The video received accolades from both industry and professional organizations with the Edison Electric Institute promoting it as the best safety video for emergency responders. It received two Silver Telly Awards, Two Magnum Opus Awards, and the Award of Excellence from the International Academy of Visual Arts.

**Fire Department Statistical Summary**

	<u>2007-2008</u>	<u>2008-2009</u>
Residential	212	258
Commercial, Industrial, Office	51	49
Hospital, School	15	22
Vehicle	32	34
Rescue, Police Assist	10	19
Dump, Rubbish, Trash, Grass	50	45
Hazard Materials/Clean-Up	42	36
Investigative Alarms	250	299
False Alarms	0	0
Mutual Aid/Stand-by	15	8
Carbon Monoxide Investigation	32	25

## **Fire Marshal's Office**

### **Chris Schroeder, Fire Marshal**

The local Fire Marshal is responsible for the enforcement of the Connecticut Fire Safety Code and is required to:

- Annually inspect all buildings and facilities, with the exception of residential buildings, designed to be occupied by one or two families.
- Inspect all flammable and combustible fuel trucks registered in the town.
- Inspect the installation of flammable and combustible fuel storage tanks.
- Review all plans for new construction and conduct on site inspections to ensure code compliance.
- Establish fire lanes to ensure accessibility of fire apparatus.
- Determine the need and locations of new fire hydrants.
- Investigate all fires and explosions.
- Investigate all fire alarm dispatches to determine proper operation and compliance with the local fire ordinance.
- Issue blasting permits and be on site to ensure safety and compliance with state and federal standards.
- Respond to and investigate reported accidental or intentional release of hazardous materials.

## **2008-09 Highlights**

### **Major Incidents**

- 7/24/08: An accidental electrical fire caused extensive damage to a single family home located at 74 Hickory Hill Lane.
- 7/27/08: A lightning strike resulted in moderate damage to a single family home located at 65 Reservoir Road.
- 2/13/09: An accidental fire in a hot tub on the rear deck of a Meadowview Court home resulted in moderate damage to the residence. A call from an alert neighbor prevented more serious damage.
- 3/24/09: An accidental kitchen fire in an apartment on Willard Avenue resulted in moderate damage to the unit.

	<b>2007-08</b>	<b>2008-09</b>
Inspections & Inspection Follow-Ups	766	905
Plan Reviews	108	77
Job Site Inspections	184	224
Underground Tank Removal	4	3
Fire Investigations	43	16
Fire Alarm Trouble	42	25
Complaints	41	43
Hazmat Incidents	10	1
Bomb Threats	0	0
Blast Monitoring	30	61

### **Fire Marshall's Office Annual Incident Report 2008-2009**

Month	Inspections	Follow-Ups	P Review	Site Inspect	Tank Removal	Fire Invest	Alarm Trouble	Com-plaints	Haz-Mat	Bomb Threats	Blasting
July	25	50	2	26	0	2	3	6	0	0	39
August	27	55	10	15	0	1	3	3	0	0	3
Sept	24	38	15	16	0	0	1	6	0	0	2
Oct	30	58	7	21	0	0	1	7	0	0	11
Nov	31	20	9	19	0	2	2	4	0	0	0
Dec	19	31	2	21	0	2	2	3	0	0	0
Jan	13	32	13	17	0	2	4	4	1	0	0
Feb	31	19	1	9	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
Mar	62	44	4	16	0	3	0	7	0	0	0
Apr	35	79	2	15	0	0	1	2	0	0	2
May	42	54	13	15	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
June	35	54	7	23	0	1	2	3	0	0	4
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>61</b>



**2009 Special Olympics Torch Run**



# Planning & Development

## **BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

***Douglas Jourdan, Building Official***

The Building Department has a number of responsibilities to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Newington. The Department does this by enforcing state building codes through inspections of all commercial/industrial buildings, rental properties, and all places of assembly and individual residences. Building codes are laws or ordinances adopted at the local or state level that set minimum safety standards for the construction of residential and commercial buildings. The building codes regulate structural and fire safety, electrical, plumbing and mechanical systems, zoning, and energy conservation. The Building Department works closely with homeowners and contractors in the processing and issuance of permits. The Department also works with the Fire Marshal, Town Engineer, Health Director, Police, Social Services, and the Health Department.

### **2008-09 Highlights**

- 4903 inspections were conducted.
- Certificates of Occupancy were issued: 78 for single-family residences and 36 for commercial.
- Commercial Certificates of Occupancy included:
  - Aldi's, 2640 Berlin Turnpike
  - AT&T, 3243 Berlin Turnpike
  - Joey Garlic's, 150 Kitts Lane
  - L.A. Fitness, 3563 Berlin Turnpike
  - Sam's Gas Station, 796 Rowley Street
  - Dunkin Donuts, 2368 Berlin Turnpike
  - Grove Hill Medical Center, 375 Willard Avenue
  - Dollar Tree, 3079 Berlin Turnpike
- Building Department Income totaled \$502,851.00:
  - \$25,582.00 in various application fees, etc.
  - \$477,269.00 in permit fees



### **BUILDING DEPARTMENT STATISTICAL SUMMARY 2009-10**

Type of Permit	#	Value of Permits
Single Family Homes	34	\$ 8,726,450
Tent	7	6,484
Electrical	466	3,836,091
Decks	46	190,430
Garages/Sheds	47	202,325
Footings/Foundations	9	226,760
Community/Multi-Family	9	5,330,905
Additions/Alterations	215	14,599,214
Fire Suppression/Sprinklers	22	860,650
Plumbing	255	1,591,100
Mechanical	381	4,542,317
Signs	67	173,473
Pools	32	217,379
Demolition	12	96,950
Roofing/Siding	172	2,117,915
Tank	32	575,341
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,806</b>	<b>\$ 43,293,784</b>



**Two new developments on the Berlin Turnpike: Sam's Club and LA Fitness, both opened in 2009.**

#### **2009-10 Building Department Goals**

- Maintain State-mandated continuing education for all staff.
- Firm and consistent enforcement of State codes to protect the health, safety, and welfare of all Newington residents.

## **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**

### ***Ed Meehan, Town Planner/Director of Planning & Development***

The Planning and Development Department provides professional planning and administrative services including but not limited to, assisting the Town Plan and Zoning (TPZ) Commission with administrative duties and serving as an advisor for development projects, assisting the Economic Development Commission (EDC) with its programs, assisting the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) with administrative duties, and acting as advisor for variance appeals. The Department also assists the Town Council and Town Manager by meeting with developers and providing a long-range perspective on development opportunities and serves as staff for the Affordable Housing Monitoring Agency, Open Space Grant Program, Affordable Age Restricted Housing Study Committee, Commercial Façade Easement Rehabilitation Loan Program Committee, and carrying out special projects as assigned by the Town Manager and Town Council. The Department is responsible for the management of the Small Cities Grant, STEAP Town Center Improvement Grant, US EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant, DEP Open Space Acquisition Grant programs, and the Commercial Façade Easement Rehabilitation Loan program. The Department also serves on the CROG Housing Committee and the New Britain-Hartford Busway Municipal Advisory Committee. The Department also provides oversight of the Engineering Department and serves as the Town's Legal Traffic Authority.

### **Mission**

*The mission of the Town Planner's office is to assist the Town Plan and Zoning Commission in reviewing development projects that enhance the quality of living and working in Newington, promote economic growth, and the conservation of the communities natural resources.*

### **2008-09 Highlights**

- The Town Planner is the project manager for the Town Center Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) grant, the Community Wide Brownfield Assessment grant, the Affordable Age Restricted Housing Study Committee, and the Downtown Revitalization Committee Municipal Parking Lot Urban Action Improvement Grant.
- During the fiscal year, 46 petitions were processed, a 33 percent decrease from the average over the past four years (68).
- New development projects totaled 48,000 square feet of gross floor area, well below prior year's projects.
- The Community Development Small Cities grant was submitted for construction funds to build supplemental parking for the Senior and Disabled Center and improvements to Mill Street Extension for Newington Housing Authority as part of the Phase II New Meadow project.
- On January 8th Town Planner Ed Meehan met with representatives of the consulting firm preparing the feasibility study for commuter rail service between New Haven and Hartford.
- Cedar / Fenn Hartford-New Britain busway transit development site memorandum of understanding between Hayes Kaufman Associates, LLC, Town of Newington and Connecticut Department of Transportation was drafted for future shared access to the National Welding property.
- Town Plan and Zoning Commission reviewed and completed 8-24 Referral reports to the Town Council for Anna Reynolds School cell tower, Municipal Parking Lot improvement project and acquisition of Bonelli property, Newington Housing Authority easement and property transfer for Phase II New Meadow, and Town land lease to New Samaritan Corporation for 32 age restricted affordable apartments.
- On May 22 the Economic Development Commission hosted 65 businesses at its "Newington Is Open for Business" breakfast held at the Indian Hill Country Club. This event focused on Newington's retail and service sector businesses that have a significant impact on both the Town's and central Connecticut's economy. Roy Snider, Director of Stew Leonard's WOW, gave an inspirational presentation on how their employees are trained to provide "exemplary customer service and 100% positive attitude."

### **2008 – 2009 Projects**

- The 2020 Plan of Conservation and Development was completed and released for public hearings in the fall of 2009.
- The 4 acre National Welding property adjacent to the Cedar/Fenn busway station was acquired by the Town for brownfield remediation and as a future Transit Oriented Development site. A Remedial Action Plan for the property was completed to identify clean up alternatives and probable costs.
- Phase II New Meadow Senior Housing development plan for 32 apartment units was approved and land transfers with Newington Housing Authority completed.
- Municipal Parking Lot Urban Action Grant Improvement project was initiated, engineering consultant selected, construction plan released for bidding, and Bonelli property acquired for public use.
- Town Plan and Zoning Commission adopted zone amendments reinstating accessory apartments, new flood insurance standards and map, administrative regulations for permitting handicapped accessible ramps, and regulations for places of worship residential accessory uses.

# Public Works

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## **ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT**

***Tony Ferraro, Town Engineer***

The Engineering Department oversees the construction and maintenance of all activities occurring within the Town's right-of-ways. This includes work performed by developers, contractors, and utility companies. In addition, the department serves as Wetlands Agent to the Conservation Commission and monitors all activities that may impact either inland wetlands, watercourses, or both.

### **2008-09 Highlights**

- Approved and oversaw the reconstruction of 96 private driveways, 52 gas line laterals, 6 sanitary sewer laterals, 5 water laterals, and 16 excavation permits for utilities and private contractors.
- The reconstruction of the Garfield Street Bridge was completed in September 2008.
- In August 2008, the Reservoir Road Drainage Project was completed, resolving a major drainage issue in the vicinity of the Anna Reynolds School and improving the safety of the driveway entrance to the school.
- Plans and specifications for the Kelsey Street and Church Street (Kelsey St. to Stonehedge Dr.) Pavement Rehabilitation Project were approved by the State. The project will be constructed during the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year.
- The Department designed and oversaw the expansion of the parking lot at the Martin Kellogg Middle School.
- As the Wetland Agent for the Conservation Commission, processed 16 new applications and monitored the installation and maintenance of silt and erosion controls.
- A town wide drainage analysis was undertaken through a consultant and will be completed in 2009-2010.
- Coordinated the extension of a new 8-inch water line on Styles Avenue, extending from Henry Avenue westerly to the dead end. This project also included the re-paving of the entire street.
- Designed and oversaw the Highway Department's paving of the Clem Lemire parking lot.
- Designed and oversaw the reconstruction, including drainage improvements, of the parking lot at Fire Station No. 3. Construction was performed by the Highway Department.
- Completed the preliminary design for the extension of Mill Street from the Senior Center northerly to the proposed New Meadow Elderly Housing site. Plans for the street extension and a new 70-space parking lot were submitted for a grant application for construction.
- Coordinated the maintenance of sidewalks throughout Town. \$45,000 was allocated to reconstruct and, if needed, raise sidewalk slabs to eliminate tripping hazards.

## **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

***Tom Molloy, Superintendent***

The Highway Department and its various divisions are responsible for leaf collection, snow plowing and snow removal, street sweeping, catch basin cleaning, waterway maintenance, landfill operations, refuse collection and disposal, recycling, traffic signals, signage and road markings, fleet maintenance, road construction and maintenance, and alterations and repairs of all Town roads.

### **2008-09 Highlights**

- The Clem Lemire parking lot was reconstructed in the spring of 2008. This project consisted of drainage improvements followed by surface preparation and paving. Following the completion of this project, Highway crews reconstructed the Company Three Firehouse on West Hill Road. This project consisted of major drainage improvements along with the removal and replacement of unsuitable base material followed by surface preparation and paving.
- Seventeen (17) roads, totaling over five miles, were surfaced, milled, and paved.
- Approximately 100 miles of town owned streets, schools, and firehouses were swept of sand and debris.
- Highway Department personnel collected over 14,000 cubic yards of leaves from early November through December. Four collection crews consisting of 24 people, including Parks and Ground employees, were devoted to this program.
- The Department made a seamless transition from sand and salt mix for roadway applications to enhanced salt and the elimination of sand use.
- Waterway maintenance continued in an effort to keep the town waterways flowing properly. Catch basins were cleaned throughout the Town, and brush, tree trimming, and waterway dredging was also performed.
- Vegetation grinding was performed twice by a private contractor, with assistance from Highway personnel and equipment. The Landfill provides a disposal site for town residents who wish to dispose of items such as metal appliances, scrap metal, propane tanks, used motor oil, grass clippings, leaves, and vegetation waste.
- Private contractors collected refuse at 9,183 residential homes and 2,240 condominiums each week, for a total of approximately 10,600 tons of municipal solid waste brought to CRRA.

## — 2008-09 Highlights —

### Continued

- In addition over 8,520 oversized household waste items were picked up curbside throughout the year.
- Private contractors collected recyclables at 11,364 residential homes and condominiums each week. Recyclables are brought to the CRRRA facility in Hartford for processing. Over 2,200 tons of recyclables were collected for fiscal year 08/09. In addition over 570 metal appliances and other metal recyclables were picked up curbside throughout the year.
- The Central Repair Garage is responsible for vehicle and equipment procurement and disposal, preventative maintenance, and emergency repairs for Police, Fire, Highway,

Parks and Grounds, Volunteer Ambulance, Dial a Ride, and General Government vehicles and equipment. Town departments rely on repair garage personnel for emergency equipment installation, fabrication, diagnosis, and repair of town owned vehicles and equipment. The Central Repair Garage is also responsible for the town's fueling facilities.

- Staff continued with the replacement of street name signs on all town streets. This process will ensure proper compliance with recently issued retroreflectivity guidelines. Street line paint and markings and crosswalk painting began on recently overlaid town streets, along with other areas in need of attention.

## Information

### **Snow Plowing Guidelines**

1. Prior to a winter storm event, Highway crews will apply treated salt to all roadways.
2. Plowing begins when snow accumulation reaches one half inch (1/2") or forecasts indicate that it will. A maximum of 14 plow trucks may be called out to plow pre-determined snow routes.
3. Once snowfall has stopped, plowing and treated salt applications will continue until all Town roads are clear.

*It is the Town's policy to plow the full width of the street, curb to curb, during major storms. This ensures that the stormwater basins are obstruction-free, allowing storm water and snow melt to drain, thus preventing flooding and icing conditions.*

### **Sidewalks**

Residents are required to remove snow from their sidewalks within 12 hours after a snowstorm.

### **Mailbox Damage**

The Town will repair or replace mailbox/posts only when there is evidence of the plow or truck striking the mailbox/post (max. \$25).

The Town will not accept responsibility for mailboxes/posts which have fallen or are damaged due to the weight or force of the snow thrown by the plow.

### **Winter Sand**

Winter sand is available in small quantities to residents and is located at the Highway Department on Milk Lane and in sand barrels located throughout the Town.

### **Winter Parking Bans**

Parking on streets is not allowed for more than 30 minutes between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on any day November through March.

Parking on any street during any snowfall or for a period of eight hours after the end of a snowfall, or which impedes or interferes with snow plowing operations, is not allowed.

### **Driveways**

While the Highway Department tries to minimize the amount of snow plowed into driveways, some accumulation is unavoidable.

- Plow blades cannot be lifted as they pass by a driveway as a mound of snow would be left in the roadway.
- Snow will be plowed into driveways during curb-to-curb plowing.
- Residents may wish to clear driveways several times during a storm or wait until the storm and plowing operations have ended.
- Shoveling, plowing, or blowing snow into the street may cause an accident and expose the property owner to liability.
- Clearing driveway openings is the responsibility of the property owner.

### **Leaf Collection Guidelines**

Leaves should be raked to the edge of the property (not into the street). Plastic bags should not be used as they cannot be recycled. Do not mix leaves with household trash, branches, sticks, or other debris. Leaves may be taken to the Town landfill on Saturdays and Sundays, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A permit is not required to dump leaves at the landfill.

# REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE SEPARATION, PLACEMENT, COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF REFUSE, RECYCLABLES, AND YARD VEGETATION WASTE WITHIN THE TOWN OF NEWINGTON

- **Household Rubbish:** All household refuse is to be placed inside the container provided by the Town for curbside automated collection.
- **Oversized Items:** Items noted below must be placed at the curb for weekly Thursday pick up in accordance with the requirements indicated. **Residents must call the Town's Highway Department at 667-5874 by Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. of each week to be scheduled for an oversized pick up.**
- - ◇ **Branches:** Branches placed at the curbside must be tied into bundles (individual branches cannot exceed four (4) inches in diameter or be more than four (4) feet in length) and should be light enough for one man to lift. Households are limited to five (5) bundles each week.
  - ◇ **Wooden and Upholstered Furniture, Carpeting, and other Large Household Items:** These items (TV's, mattresses, box springs, wood doors, chairs, couches, etc.) may be placed at the curbside and are limited to two (2) items each week. Items must be able to be loaded into the refuse truck by two men. Carpeting must be rolled up, less than four (4) feet in length, tied, and light enough for one man to lift. There is a limit of five (5) rolls of carpeting per week.
  - ◇ **Lumber, Sheetrock, or Other Building Materials:** Minor amounts of these materials (generated by the homeowner) may be placed in the curbside container for the weekly trash pick up. Wood pieces (lumber) may be left at the curb for the "oversize" pick up but are not to exceed four (4) feet in length, must be tied into bundles and be light enough for one man to lift. There is a limit of five (5) bundles per week.  
**NOTE: The disposal of any remodeling or building materials generated by a contractor's work is the responsibility of the contractor and will not be included in the oversize pick up.**
  - ◇ **Automobile Tires:** Two (2) tires (rims removed) may be left at the curbside each week. Rims may be disposed of at the Town's Landfill/Recycling Center.
- **Materials Not Acceptable for Placement in the Curbside Containers:** Dangerous or environmentally unsafe materials or substances including, but not limited to, cleaning fluids, oil base paints, caustics, explosives, acids, poisons, drugs, radioactive materials, asbestos, swimming pool chemicals, etc., should be disposed of on Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days (HHWCD). Please call the Newington Sanitation Department (667-5874) for a schedule of these collection days.
- **Scrap Metal:** Large appliances will still be collected by the Town each week at the curbside. **Residents must pre-pay (\$10 for one item, \$5 for each additional item) at the Highway Department on Milk Lane (off Fenn Road) by Monday at 3:00 p.m. to be scheduled for such pick up.** Residents also have the option of taking these items to the Town's Landfill/Recycling Center on Main Street at no charge. Residents must show proof of residency at the Town landfill. If you have any questions, please call 667-5874.
- **Leaves/Grass Clippings:** Leaves will continue to be collected by the Town at the curbside each fall. Residents may also take leaves to the Town's Landfill/Recycling Center but must remove leaves from bags, boxes, etc. prior to disposal at the landfill. Grass clippings can be left on the lawn, put into a backyard compost pile, or taken to the Town landfill. **Do not put leaves or grass clippings in the curbside container – the Town may be fined \$200 per each occurrence.**
- **Waste Motor Oil/Propane Gas Tanks:** Waste motor oil can be disposed of at the Town Highway Garage (off Fenn Road), Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or at the Town's Landfill/Recycling Center on the weekends. Oil must be transported to the disposal sites in sealed containers. Propane gas tanks (for gas grills) can also be left at the Town Landfill/Recycling Center.
- **Motor Vehicle Batteries:** May be brought to the Town Highway Garage (off Fenn Road), Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Any questions about the Town's rubbish/recycling collection programs may be directed to the Sanitation Division of the Newington Highway Department at 667-5874.**

## **Town Vegetation Landfill/Recycling Center**

A permit is required to dispose of vegetation. Permits may be obtained at the Highway Department, 281 Milk Lane (off of Fenn Road). **No permit required for recyclables. Must show proof of residency**

**Location:** Main Street, south of Churchill Park  
**Hours:** April through December, Saturday & Sunday  
 January through March, Saturday Only

## **Refuse Collection**

Curbside collection of rubbish and recyclables is delayed one day on these holidays (unless the holiday falls on a weekend):

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Years Day</li> <li>• Good Friday</li> <li>• Memorial Day</li> <li>• Independence Day</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Labor Day</li> <li>• Thanksgiving Day</li> <li>• Christmas Day</li> </ul> |
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Collections are made on the normal day for all other holidays.



# Public Schools

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**William Collins, Superintendent**

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The Newington Public School System consists of four elementary schools, two middle schools, and one high school. An elected nine member Board of Education, whose powers and duties are specified by Connecticut General Statutes, provides policy oversight and direction to the school administration.

## Mission

*The Mission of the Newington Public School System, an educational partnership of school, family and community, is to ensure every student acquires the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to continue to learn, live a productive life, and contribute to a diverse, rapidly changing society. This is accomplished within a caring environment through a planned program of quality learning experiences that challenge and encourage each individual to reach full potential.*

## 2008-09 Highlights

### 2008-2009 General Highlights

- School Family Partnerships developed at elementary and middle schools.
- Percentage of students performing at or above level on the CMT and CAPT continued to meet or exceed the state average at all grade levels.
- Superintendent Dr. Ernest L. Perlini announced his retirement after 40 years of service to Newington.
- Completed the first and second floor high school climate control project and field house renovation.
- Operating budget for 2009-2010 increased 3.0% over the 2008-2009 budget to support instruction.
- Student walking to school distances reduced at all levels.
- High School selected as “cool school” recognition.
- High School received CABA Award of Excellence for Educational Communication.
- Custodial/Maintenance Department received special recognition “Who’s Who in the Building Market”.
- Board received 2009 CIRMA Risk Management Achievement Award for security program.
- Field house named Ernest L. Perlini Field House to honor Superintendent.

### Anna Reynolds Elementary School

*-Ellen H. Miller, Principal*

This past year was another busy, productive year of growth for students and staff at Anna Reynolds School.

- Goals for 2008-2009:
  - To improve teaching and student performance in reading and writing as measured by continued student achievement on school, district, and standardized assessments.
  - To improve teaching and student performance in math as measured by continued student achievement on school, district, and standardized assessments.
  - To ensure the social and emotional needs of students are appropriately addressed and students’ connections to school are enhanced to promote learning.

- A School Data Team, trained in the Data Driven Decision Making Process (DDMP) was formed with grade level data team meetings held. The team analyzed results of common assessments to develop SMART goals and action plans to enhance all students’ academic achievement.
- Initiated a School Families program, forming thirty-five families of students in kindergarten through grade 4, meeting monthly during the year to develop stronger bonds with staff and students while addressing areas of behavioral concerns and social needs.
- The entire school participated in a *Change for Change* project where students collected change as well as baby items and toiletries for Newington families in need. Each of the thirty-five school families made a small fleece baby blanket to be given to the newest town residents as needed. Students gained an increased sense of satisfaction in helping other local families in need.

### John Paterson Elementary School

*– Stephen J. Foresi, Principal*

John Paterson staff, students, and community focused on many initiatives this school year to support the continued improvement of student achievement, both academically and socially. To extend our understandings and application of student improvement efforts, staff were trained in Data Driven Decision Making and formed school-based Data Teams to review student progress for informed decision-making.





## 2008-09 Highlights

### *Continued*

- Staff worked collaboratively to analyze student performance and adjust instructional practices to best meet student needs. Efforts were focused specifically in the areas of reading, writing, and mathematics. Through revision efforts of curriculum and assessments in these areas, teachers were able to closely monitor student progress aligned to state and national standards and support students at all levels.
- In the area of social development, students received Character Counts Cards when exhibiting the qualities and characteristics found in the acronym R.E.S.P.E.C.T. (Respect/Responsibility, Empathy, Sportsmanship, Pride, Effort, Caring, and Teamwork). This initiative was embedded into current School Family program, which fosters and supports social and emotional development school-wide. The addition of a part-time social worker added greatly to support students' social-emotional needs.
- Staff reviewed two year progress on areas in need of focus recommended by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEAS&C) reaccreditation process. After conducting analysis, subcommittees wrote a progress report on each area in need of focus, which will be submitted to the NEAS&C commission in the fall of 2009.
- The third grade class showed their abilities to positively impact society by collecting money and donations to create "Care Pack" backpacks for underprivileged children. Students and staff gained a deep appreciation and satisfaction for helping those who are less fortunate.

#### **ELIZABETH GREEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

– Anne-Marie Sladewski, Principal

The 2008-2009 school year was filled with many exciting curriculum, assessment, and instruction initiatives within the district that brought about reform in practices of teaching and learning. While engaging in these activities, which fostered new learning and supported professional growth, the Elizabeth Green staff focused on the following school goals for continuous school improvement:

- **Academic** – To improve teaching and student performance and achievement in language arts and mathematics as measured by continued student performance growth on school, district, and standardized assessments.
- **Social** – To ensure social and emotional needs of students are appropriately addressed and students' connections to school are enhanced to promote learning as measured by pre and post surveys and a reduction in behavior/disciplinary referrals.
- **Communication** – To sustain effective communication with families and the community to ensure all children are ready to learn and the families and communities are partners in the educational process.

In addition to focusing on the school goals and continuous school improvement, the entire school participated in a variety of activities that promoted a commitment to illustrating the skills taught and learned each day by reaching out and giving back to the community.

An example of this is the Elizabeth Green Student Council sponsored *Hula Hoop to Help* fundraiser, which raised \$1,755.77 to benefit the Newington Humane Society.

#### **Ruth Chaffee Elementary School**

– Richard M. DeBellis, Principal

During the 2008 - 2009 school year the following initiatives supported each of the three school goals:

- Placed more emphasis on reading strands to improve comprehension skills.
- Implemented the "School Family" initiative within the building.
- Developed more school-wide themes to reinforce respect based upon Character Counts.
- Embedded Missions and Expectations in all school-wide decisions, assemblies, programs, classrooms, and activities.
- Implemented more parent workshops to explain curriculum, expectations at each grade level, and the Connecticut Mastery Tests.

#### **John Wallace Middle School**

– David Milardo, Principal

Highlights of the John Wallace Middle School 2008-2009 school year include:

- Continued the use of common and consistent instructional strategies among staff.
- Used data-driven instruction model to guide instruction and learning.
- Established a building level data team to study data to help inform instruction.
- Continued emphasis on the "Six Feet of Influence" model to encourage students to be more proactive in dealing with issues of bullying and promote a more respectful school environment.
- Fully implemented the PowerSchool student information and grading system.
- Fully implemented the "Collaborative Intervention Process" to identify students with unique learning needs and to develop appropriate early intervention instructional strategies.
- Fully implemented the "School Families" initiative to help all students feel connected to their school and teachers.
- Showchoir performed at each of the town elementary schools, the Waterfall Festival, town library, and at the Extravaganza, delighting audiences with their creative dances and music.
- Wallace Parent Advisory Council sponsored a number of cultural arts programs and fund-raisers to help support special programs and activities.
- Trained the first set of Wallace staff members in the Capturing Kids' Hearts program to improve relationships among adults and students.

## 2008-09 Highlights

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#### Martin Kellogg Middle School

– Jason S. Lambert - Principal

Highlights of the Martin Kellogg 2008-2009 school year include:

- Use of student achievement data to inform common and consistent instructional strategies.
- Implemented school data team to assess student needs by grade and academic area.
- Participated in a variety of fundraisers, social events, and celebrations that provide the student council with funds to support many worthwhile endeavors at Kellogg.
- Further developed the “Student-Led Conference” protocol used during parent-teacher-student conferences.
- Developed the “School Families” model for students in grades 5-8.
- Participated in the Adopt a Family program through human services and collecting toys for the “We are the Children Charity”.
- Provided the “Hunger Banquet” program on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving to teach students about world-wide poverty.
- Continued “Medieval Day” and “Battle of the Books” which included grade 6 teachers and students from John Wallace Middle School.
- Provided the sister school partnership, through participation in the AMISTAD program to give students opportunities to interact with students from urban environments.
- Expanded after school intramural program to all middle school students throughout the year.
- Produced a musical production of “Annie”.

#### Newington High School

– Dr. William C. Collins, Principal

Highlights of the Newington High School 2008-2009 school year include:

- Focused on improved student performance, curriculum enhancement, and assessment practices.

- Provided over 26 clubs and activities for students.
- Many athletic teams qualified for the State Tournaments; several captured league championships.
- Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test was administered to 666 tenth and eleventh grade students in October.
- Administered Advance Placement (AP) exams to 315 students this year.
- Benchmark data was collected and used to inform instruction.
- English Department worked with Central Office staff to automate data collection.
- Social Studies Department implemented the Senteo Interactive Response system and Smart Document camera in the classroom acquired partially through grant funding.
- Career/Technical Department implemented a Financial Literacy Program.
- Culinary Career students received \$22,000 in scholarships for their outstanding performance at the CT FCCLA Conference.
- Integrated Adobe Design Standard CS3 which allowed 350 students to learn and apply industry-standard software applications.
- Special Education Department developed a four year sequential plan for transition from high school in alignment with the State Department of Education’s guidelines.
- Special Education Department secured several new community based internship opportunities for students 18-21 years of age in the Fifth Year Program.
- Math Department participated in the writing of a model Algebra I curriculum for state, used the Japanese Lesson Study mode in geometry and instructed more than 80 students in ASCAPT program.
- The Library/Media introduced and instructed staff and students on online productivity tools such as NoodleTools.
- Newington Athletics implemented “Common” Player Assessment.



# Boards and Commissions

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## **AFFORDABLE HOUSING MONITORING AGENCY**

Established by the Town Council in 1991, the Affordable Housing Monitoring Agency is responsible for the preparation, adoption and administration of standards for selecting eligible households to participate in affordable housing programs in Newington.

## **COMMISSION ON AGING AND DISABLED**

The Commission on Aging and Disabled, consisting of nine (9) members, is responsible for monitoring and assessing the needs of seniors and people with disabilities in the community. It also provides policy oversight for the Senior and Disabled Center.

## **BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS**

Created by State Statute, the Board of Assessment Appeals provides a means to review and revise the taxable values of real estate and personal property established by the Town Assessor. The Board serves as the first level of appeal, and its actions are binding until a successful appeal is taken to the Superior Court. While no fees are charged and representation by legal counsel is not necessary, the taxpayer must appear before the Board.

## **CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION**

Pursuant to Chapter 99 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Newington Town Council created a Charter Revision Commission comprised of five (5) members on December 11, 2007. See page eight for more information.

## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION/ INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY**

The Conservation Commission, comprised of seven (7) regular and three (3) alternate members, is responsible for advising and making recommendations to the Town Manager, Town Council, and other boards and commissions. These recommendations concern the development and conservation of natural resources, which include water resources within the territorial limits of the Town.

As the Town's designated Inland Wetlands Agency, the Commission is responsible for regulating activities that affect the inland wetlands and watercourses of the Town in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes. As such, the Commission has the power to develop and adopt regulations protecting and preserving inland wetlands and watercourses for Town Council approval. In addition, the Commission is charged with administering the regulations under its authority.

## **DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

The Development Commission, consisting of nine (9) regular members and three (3) alternate members, is established for the promotion and growth of the development resources of

the Town of Newington.

During 2007-08, the Commission reactivated a business call program, hosted a Town Center social gathering to promote the creation of a Downtown Business Association, and sponsored a community business leaders breakfast with Rob Simmons from Connecticut's Small Business Advocate Office.

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

The Board of Education consists of nine (9) members elected at each regular Town election for a term of two years. State Statute charges the Board of Education with maintaining public elementary and secondary schools, implementing the educational interest of the State, and providing such other educational activities as in its judgment best serve the interests of the school district.

## **EMPLOYEE INSURANCE AND PENSION BENEFITS COMMITTEE**

The Employee Insurance and Pension Benefits Committee (EIPBC), established July 27, 1993, is composed of nine (9) regular and two (2) alternate members who oversee all aspects of the health insurance programs and pension benefits for employees.

The Committee is appointed by the Town Council and serves to oversee the EIPBC Agent of Record. The Committee determines the needs and develops specifications for the employee insurance and pension benefits program, reviews all submitted insurance proposals, periodically reviews employee insurance benefits, and makes recommendations to the Town Manager and Council.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION**

Activities of the Environmental Quality Commission date back to 1986, when the Town Council established the Environmental Quality Committee. In October 1987, the Town Council established (by Ordinance) a permanent commission and outlined its scope of authority. The Commission is charged with addressing issues affecting environmental concerns or the quality of life within the town.

Eleven (11) Commissioners are appointed by the Town Council for two year terms. Representation on the Commission is from a varied background including: Newington Fire Department (2), Newington Volunteer Ambulance (1), Local Industry (2), and the Public (6). There are also five (5) student liaisons representing the two middle schools and the high school.

## **BOARD OF ETHICS**

The Board of Ethics is comprised of seven (7) regular and two (2) alternate members appointed by the Town Council, including two registered Democrats, two registered Republicans, and three unaffiliated or other party registered voters. The Board (a) has the authority to recommend action pertaining to the Code of Ethics to

# Boards and Commissions

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the Town Council, Town Manager, and Board of Education or the Superintendent of Schools; and (b) establish procedures by which the public may initiate complaints alleging a violation of the Code of Ethics.

### **FAIR RENT COMMISSION**

The Fair Rent Commission is comprised of five (5) regular and three (3) alternate members. It has the general authority to make studies and investigations, conduct hearings, and receive written complaints relative to rental charges or proposed increases in rental charges on housing accommodations in Newington.

### **BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

Pursuant to an act adopted in 1929, the Board of Fire Commissioners was established to manage and control the Newington Fire Department. The Board, comprised of three (3) elected Commissioners, is responsible for the supervision and care of all Fire Department buildings, equipment, and apparatus.

### **HOUSING AUTHORITY**

The Newington Housing Authority was established in 1973 by the Town Council and charged with the responsibility of providing housing for the Town of Newington's elderly population.

### **HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

The purpose of the Human Rights Commission is to promote mutual understanding and respect among all racial, religious, ethnic, and other groups, and to secure equality of, and opportunity for, all people. The Commission seeks compliance with State and Federal laws regarding discrimination. Complaints regarding discrimination can be filed through the Department of Human Services.

- The Commission participated in the Memorial Day Parade to celebrate diversity and cultural heritage.
- Commission members held a food collection in support of the Human Services Food Bank.

### **COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SAFETY**

The Committee on Community Safety was formed to determine the needs and potential solutions for ensuring the safety of the community, with consideration to future budgetary requirements. The Committee is comprised of thirteen (13) members, three (3) from the Newington Town Council, two (2) from the Board of Education, one (1) from the Youth-Adult Council, and seven (7) from the public.

### **LIBRARY BOARD**

The Board of Directors of the Lucy Robbins Welles Library, Newington's public library, is comprised of twelve (12) directors, six (6) of whom are appointed by the Town Council and six (6) of whom are appointed by the Library corporation. Membership is open to any resident of the Town of Newington. The Library Board is charged with managing the affairs of

the Library. The Library's operations are funded by the Town of Newington.

### **BOARD OF PARKS & RECREATION**

The Board of Parks & Recreation consists of eleven (11) members who determine the use of Town parks, public greens, and other public grounds. The Board also plans and arranges recreational facilities and programs for the Town.

### **STANDING INSURANCE COMMITTEE**

The Standing Insurance Committee, comprised of nine (9) regular and two (2) alternate members, is responsible for (a) the determination of needs and specifications for Town insurance; (b) recommendation to the Town Council of the appointment and termination of the Agent of Record; (c) recommendation to the Town Council of a proposed Town insurance program; and (d) the Workers Compensation insurance provided by the Town.

### **TOWN PLAN AND ZONING COMMISSION**

The Newington Town Plan and Zoning Commission (TPZ) is a citizen body of seven (7) regular and three (3) alternate members appointed by the Town Council. The Commission's bi-monthly meetings are normally held on the second and fourth Wednesdays. TPZ members also devote time to serve on the Town Center Study Committee, Open Space Committee, New Britain-Hartford Busway Municipal Advisory Committee, and the Capitol Region Council of Government Planning Commission.

### **YOUTH-ADULT COUNCIL**

The Youth-Adult Council acts as an advisory board to the Human Services Department. Appointed by the Mayor, its purpose is to review youth and family issues and foster community education and support among Town agencies and residents. The school system, community groups, concerned citizens and young people all participate in monthly meetings aimed at sharing information and coordinating services.

### **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

A bipartisan appointed body of five (5) regular and three (3) alternate members, the Zoning Board of Appeals' primary function is to hear applications for variances from the Zoning Regulations in which enforcement of regulations could result in a hardship. The Board also hears cases in which the applicant alleges errors in the Zoning Enforcement Officer's orders.

*Meetings are held in the Town Hall unless otherwise noted .*

*Please contact the Town Clerk's Office at (860) 665-8545 for meeting dates, times and locations or check the Town's website: [www.newingtonct.gov](http://www.newingtonct.gov)*

# Newington

## Boards, Commissions, and Committee Members

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### **Town Council**

Jeff Wright, Mayor  
Christopher Banach  
Meg Casasanta  
Myra Cohen  
Maureen Klett  
Scott McBride  
Mike Lenares  
David Nagel  
Kristine Nasinnyk

### **Affordable Age-Restricted Housing Study Comm.**

Myra Cohen  
Colleen Kornichuk  
David Nagel  
Kristine Nasinnyk  
Bhupen Patel

### **Affordable Housing Monitoring Agency**

Lorraine Cariseo  
Ellen Connery  
Gary Guyette  
Neil Ryan

### **Commission on Aging and Disabled**

William Demaio, Chair  
Maureen Lynch, Vice Chair  
Myra Cohen  
Matilda DeMaio  
Patricia Hanbury  
Maureen Klett  
Sue Mazzocchi  
David Nagel  
Jerilyn Nagel  
Diana Robino  
Eunice Scharr

### **Board of Assessment Appeals**

Michael Zucker, Chair  
Louis Califano  
Frederick Callahan

### **Town Attorney**

Benjamin Ancona, Jr.

### **Balf-Town Committee**

Roger Bacon  
Edward Gilligan  
Norman Lebrun  
Mike Lenares  
Kristine Nasinnyk  
Edmund Bialaski (Alt.)  
John Golda (Alt.)

### **Building Code Board of Appeals**

Vincent Camilli  
Mike Longo  
Joyce Lozinski  
Steven Pizzella  
Michael Zucker

### **Capital Region Council of Governments**

Michele Camerota  
Michael Carragher  
David Nagel  
Jeff Wright

### **Newington CATV Advisory Council**

Mary Niro  
Edward Pizzella  
Everett Weaver

### **Central Connecticut Health District Board**

Kevin Borrup  
Amanda Hurwitz

### **CIP Committee**

Christopher Banach  
Daniel Carson  
Mike Lenares  
Kristine Nasinnyk  
Steven Woods

### **Conservation Commission**

Mark Papa, Chair  
Philip Block  
Joan Byer  
Alex Forte  
John Igielski  
Mike Longo  
Phillip Shapiro  
Ray Harlow (Alt.)  
Mike Turgeon (Alt.)  
Jeffrey Zelek (Alt.)

### **Constables**

David Pruett  
John Richter

### **Development Commission**

Thomas Shields, Chair  
Thomas Bowen  
Kevin Chick  
Michael Gerhart  
Mike Longo  
James Marocchini  
Mary Niro  
Greg Polk  
Dana Woods  
David Marsden (Alt.)  
Fernando Rosa (Alt.)

### **Downtown Revitalization Committee**

Christopher Banach  
Myra Cohen  
Michael Gerhart  
Mike Lenares  
James Marocchini  
Scott McBride  
Thomas Shields

### **Board of Education**

Daniel Carson, Sr.  
Sharon Braverman  
Clarke Castelle  
Beth DelBuono  
Marc Finkelstein  
Mary Niro  
Nancy Petronio  
Pamela Raynock  
Steven Woods

### **Education Facilities Project Building Committee**

Alan Bongiovanni  
Meg Casasanta  
Myra Cohen  
Leeann Manke  
Thomas Shields  
Steven Woods

### **Employee Insurance and Pension Benefits Committee**

Meg Casasanta  
Marc Finkelstein  
John Flores  
Jon Kehl  
Scott McBride  
Mary Niro  
Michael Wilbur  
Jay Krussell (Alt.)

### **EMS Committee**

Frank Aieta  
Gloria Olesen  
Derrick Sutton  
Scott Woods

### **Environmental Quality Commission**

Michael Fox, Chair  
Christopher Banach  
Michael Camillo  
Kevin Chick  
Stanley Marcinczky  
David Nagel  
David Tatem  
Barbara Wiley

### **Board of Ethics**

Mary Camilli  
Bradford Fenn  
Christopher Golec  
Brie Johnston  
Frank Marci  
Rosemarie Sarubbi-Lyons (Alt.)

### **Fair Rent Commission**

Audra Ekstrom  
Walter Gualtieri  
John Kelly  
Linda Woods  
Michele Camerota (Alt.)  
Donald Woods (Alt.)

### **Board of Fire Commissioners**

Chester Bogacz  
Robert Seiler  
Kent Stoddard

### **Firehouse Expansion Project Building Committee**

Christopher Banach  
Richard Brown  
Thomas Gill  
Kenneth Hutchinson  
Mike Lenares  
Thomas Smith

# Boards, Commissions, and Committee Members

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## **Greater Hartford Transit District**

Kevin Chick  
William Hall

## **Newington Historical Society & Trust**

Esther Eddy  
Jerilyn Nagel  
Linda Woods

## **Town Historian**

Gail Kelly

## **Newington High School Track Renovation Project Building Committee**

Myra Cohen  
Mike Lenares  
Steven Woods

## **Newington Housing Authority**

Rita Golden  
Gary Guyette  
Stephen Karp  
Colleen Kornichuk  
Kevin Mason

## **Human Rights Commission**

Theresa Claffey  
Phyllis Dicara  
Karen Faust  
Timothy Manke  
Scott McBride  
Louise Rickard  
Barbara Wiley

## **Joint Committee on Community Safety**

Myra Cohen  
Phyllis Dicara  
Bernard Feeney  
Christopher Ganzer  
Mike Lenares  
Tammy Linteau  
Timothy Manke  
Kristine Nasinnyk  
Nancy Petronio  
Pamela Raynock  
David Tomkins  
Jennifer Walker  
Sheryl Werner

## **Library Board**

Susan Halpin  
Pauline Kruk  
Leeann Manke  
Alan Nafis  
David Nagel  
Kristine Nasinnyk  
Neil Ryan  
Trudie Walker

## **Metropolitan District**

Joe Klett  
Mark Pappa

## **Municipal Agent on Aging**

Dianne Stone

## **North Central Conn. EMS**

Daniel Interlandi  
Scott Woods

## **Newington Commercial Façade Easement Rehabilitation Loan Program Selection Committee**

Todd Andrews  
Christopher Banach  
David Marsden  
Scott McBride  
David Nagel

## **Open Space Committee**

Carol Anest  
Philip Block  
John Bottalico  
Thomas Bowen  
Bernadette Conway  
David Lenares  
Stanley Marcinczyk  
David Nagel  
Kristine Nasinnyk  
Mark Pappa  
Carol Wojtowicz

## **Board of Parks and Recreation**

Jeff Hedberg, Chair  
Johnathan Boni  
Bill DeBlasio  
Eileen Francolino  
John Kennedy  
Kenneth Leggo  
Edward Marchion  
Robert Tofeldt  
Mary Udice  
Donald Woods  
Kathleen Zolad

## **Registrars of Voters**

Linda B. Cultrera (R)  
Marie M. Fox (D)

## **School Code Compliance Committee**

Daniel Carson  
Myra Cohen  
Maureen Klett  
Steven Woods

## **Newington School Improvements Project Building Committee**

Alan Bongiovanni  
Daniel Carson  
Meg Casasanta  
Myra Cohen  
David Pruett  
Thomas Shields  
Steven Woods

## **Standing Insurance Committee**

Sharon Braverman  
Mike Casasanta  
Clarke Castelle  
Cheryl Constantine  
Mike Longo  
Navid Nagel  
Kristine Nasinnyk  
James Zolad

## **Town Hall Renovations Project Building Committee**

Christopher Banach  
Daniel Carson  
Myra Cohen  
Mikes Lenares  
Steven Woods

## **Town Plan and Zoning Commission**

David Pruett, Chair  
Dominic Pane, Vice Chair  
Frank Aieta  
Carol Anest  
Michele Camerota  
Michael Carragher  
Mike Casasanta  
Cathleen Hall  
David Lenares  
Robert Shatz

## **Tri-Town Community Cable Access Committee**

Frank Aieta  
Michael Fox  
Everett Weaver

## **Vehicle Appeals Board**

Elaine Boland  
John Kelly  
Ellen Connery (Alt.)  
Monica Golec (Alt.)

## **West Meadow Cemetery Expansion Project Bldg. Comm.**

Myra Cohen  
Diana Kurz  
Norm Lebrun  
David Nagel  
Donald Woods

## **Youth Adult Council**

Elizabeth Palaia  
Jennifer Pratt  
Pamela Raynock

## **Zoning Board of Appeals**

Louis Califano, Chair  
Alex Forte  
Scott Soares  
Michael Turgeon  
Paul Vessella  
Monica Golec (Alt.)  
Dan Quattromani (Alt.)  
John Richter (Alt.)



# *Summary of Town of Newington*



## *Financial Report 2008-2009*



## TOWN FINANCES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2008-09

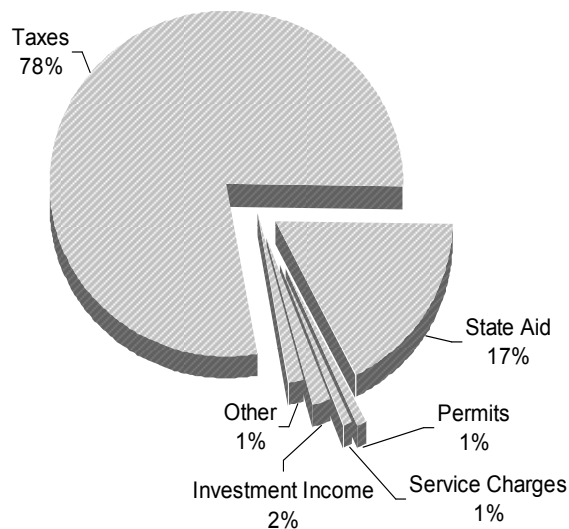
- The Town's adopted General Fund budget for 2008-09 totaled \$93,321,692.
- The Mill Rate was 27.68.
- The Town's high credit ratings were maintained by Moody's Investor Services and Standard and Poor's at Aa3 and AA, respectively.
- The Town achieved a collection rate of 98.9% on the current levy.
- The Town's bond indebtedness at June 30, 2008 totaled \$16,855,000.
- The Town's actual expenditures were \$91,710,932 and actual revenues totaled \$92,381,025.

The comparative budgetary information, by function and funding source is presented here. A detailed document of the Town's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report is on file on the Town Clerk's office and on the Town's website.

### Actual Town Revenues for 2009-09, by Source (\$ thousands)

Source	2008-09	2007-08	\$ Change
<b>Taxes</b>	73,340	70,359	2,981
<b>Permits</b>	409	724	(315)
<b>State Aid</b>	16,880	15,561	1,319
<b>Service Charges</b>	597	869	(272)
<b>Investment Income</b>	509	1,426	(917)
<b>Other</b>	646	1,290	(644)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>91,381</b>	<b>90,229</b>	<b>2,152</b>

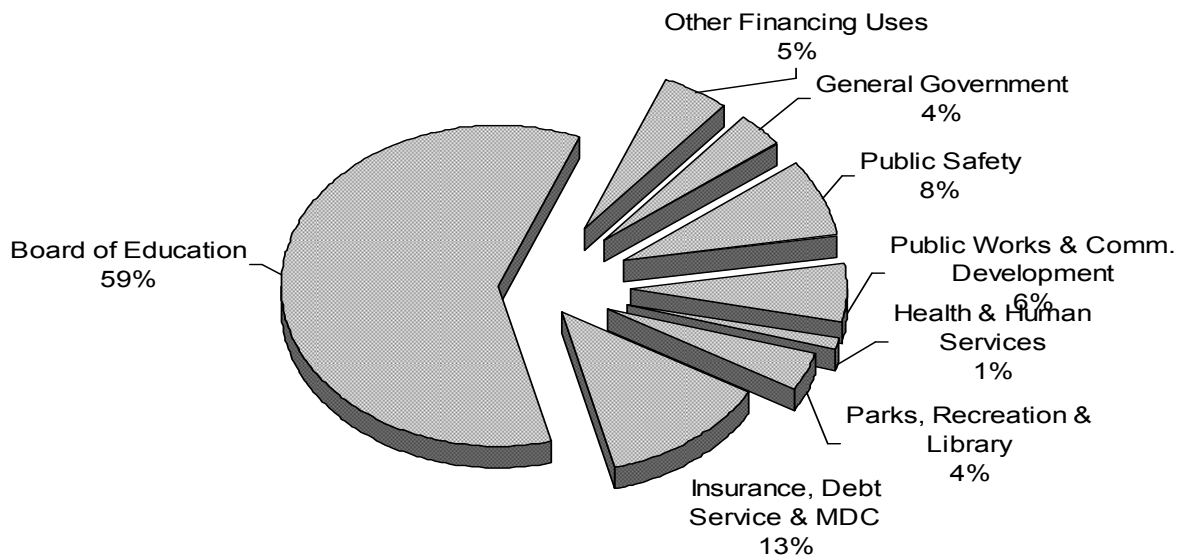
### Town Revenues for 2008-09, by Source



**Actual Town Expenditures for FY 2008-09, by Function**  
(\$ thousands)

Function	2008-09	2007-08	\$ Change
General Government	3,982	3,282	700
Public Safety	6,827	6,851	(24)
Public Works & Comm. Development	5,237	5,106	131
Health & Human Services	1,111	1,151	(40)
Parks, Recreation & Library	3,082	3,330	(248)
Insurance, Debt Service & MDC	11,265	11,421	(156)
Board of Education	55,837	53,540	2,297
Other Financing Uses	4,370	4,418	(48)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>91,711</b>	<b>89,099</b>	<b>2,612</b>

**Town Expenditures for FY 2008-09, by Function**



**Bonds Outstanding June 30, 2009**  
**(in thousands)**

<b>Function</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Schools	\$11,082
General Purpose	5,773
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,855</b>

**Schedule of Debt Principal and Interest by Year as of June 30, 2009**  
**(in thousands)**

<b>Year Ending June 30</b>	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Total</b>
2010	1,750	704	2,454
2011	1,750	634	2,384
2012	1,750	563	2,313
2014	1,750	415	2,165
2015-2019	4,820	1,251	6,071
2020-2024	3,100	453	3,553
2025	185	8	193
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,855</b>	<b>\$ 4,517</b>	<b>\$21,372</b>



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